



The Arc of Indiana County

John Angelo Transition Scholarship

John Angelo is an outstanding individual who has demonstrated self-advocacy and has been a dedicated advocate for people with disabilities. Anyone who has ever had the pleasure of working with John and hearing him speak knows how remarkable a person he is. John served on the Arc of Indiana County's board for over fifteen years and served as a role model for others with disabilities. The Arc of Indiana County has established the John Angelo Transition Scholarship to continue his work helping individuals with disabilities succeed as they transition into adulthood.

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student in Indiana County and a \$1,000 scholarship to a student in Armstrong County.

Awards will be presented at the Local Task Force meeting on May 6, 2026, at the Arc of Indiana County at 6:30 PM. (120 N 5th Street Indiana, Pa 15701)

Who is eligible?

Any individual with a developmental disability who is within two years of transitioning from high school to postsecondary training, education, or into the workforce.

What qualities does the individual demonstrate?

Individuals applying for this scholarship should demonstrate strong self-advocacy skills, personal responsibility, and a clear goal or plan for their transition to adulthood.

What can the scholarship be used for?

The following list includes ideas but not limited to how the scholarship money can be used

- Education and Training
 - Tuition for a training program or college
 - Job coaching for interview/ applications. (Career Link)
- Applications – Resumes
 - Fee for resume setup and printing, assistance from a mentor or professional
 - Online access to interviewing/resume tutorial help.
 - Mobile hotspot if internet is spotty, for the ability to interview, do resume
 - Headshots by a local photographer
 - Dental visit (if routine care hasn't been achieved) and dental products.
- Transportation needs
 - Bus fares
 - Gas money
- Work uniforms or equipment
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 - Outerwear/ Clothing/shoes/hair cut for interview
 - Specific work-related equipment.
 - Durable equipment stipend (if someone has this need) ie, hearing aid battery, updated eyeglasses/contacts, wheelchair seat/back pads, cane for blind.
 - Assistance in accessing an appropriate cell phone.
 - If remote work, a new laptop.
 - Professional tote or messenger bag or lunch bag

- Gift cards from Martin's/Giant Eagle/Walmart for grocery stores for lunch items

How to Apply

Individuals applying for this scholarship should do the following:

1. Complete the application form
2. Write a paragraph with examples of
 - a. How you advocate for yourself
 - b. How you take responsibility for yourself and your determination to reach your goals
 - c. Your plan for the future
 - d. What do you want to use the scholarship money for

3. Applications are due by March 20, 2026

4. Return the application form and paragraph to:
Email/Scan bboston@arcindianapa.org or send to:

The Arc of Indiana County

120 N 5th Street, Suite 2

Indiana, PA 15701

Attention: Scholarship Committee

*To print out more applications, go to www.arcindianapa.org

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Transition Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

County: ____ Armstrong ____ Indiana

Phone Number: _____ **Cell** _____

Home _____

Email: _____

Age: _____

Year in school for 2025-2026:

School Contact Name and

Email: _____

Family Contact Name and Number:

My Personal Essay:

Lined writing area for the personal essay.

Scoring Rubric
(Scholarship Committee only to complete)

Applicant Name: _____ **County:** _____

Scoring Element	5 Points	3 Points	1 Point
Stage of Transition			
Self-Advocacy			
Responsibility and self-determination			
Goal or plan for the future			
Use of the money			
Points			
	Total Points:		
Comments:			