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**FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES DEPUTY ETHAN COLLINS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

LANCASTER, Ohio --The Fairfield County Foundation has announced the 2012-2013 scholarship recipients for the Deputy Ethan Collins Scholarship. Last year, the Foundation provided $775,518 in scholarships to 348 area students.

This fund was established in 2006 by Kylie Collins and Alisa Collins, in memory of Deputy Ethan Collins who died while on duty, to provide scholarships for Fairfield County students. Students must be planning to attend an accredited school or Academy in preparation for a career in Law Enforcement or continuing education in Law Enforcement.

This year, the recipient of the Deputy Ethan Collins Scholarship is Elijah P. Schmelzer, a graduate of Lancaster High School.

*The Fairfield County Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit that, along with its supporters, helps to enhance the quality of life and economic viability in our community. Its scholarship program helps to sustain opportunities for local youth to achieve their academic goals. The Foundation was formed in 1989 and grants today continue to support the arts, children’s programs, health and wellness projects, community development, academics, and more. The Foundation is a recipient of the National Standards Seal, indicating official confirmation from the Council on Foundations that it has met the most rigorous standards in philanthropy and affirming the Foundation’s commitment to financial security, transparency and accountability. For more information about the Foundation, please call 740-654-8451 or visit* [*www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org*](https://ch1prd0102.outlook.com/owa/redir.aspx?C=4v7yUAy5FUuak2R8t5cQoSSDaTxlps4IfF4dm2477ucggFU36ntN56Z_ZYPNNgrMGr5Zl5HRweg.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org)*.*

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