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**FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES MALINDA LIFER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

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

This scholarship was established to provide scholarships for recent graduates of Bloom Carroll High School or Lancaster High School. The recipients of this scholarship shall be students who plan to major in Elementary Education at Ohio University - Lancaster and who carry at least a 2.0 GPA.

This year, the Malinda Lifer Scholarship recipient is Kayla B. Smith, a graduate of Lancaster High School, who will be attending Ohio University-Lancaster to study Early Childhood Education.

*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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