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**FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES OFFICER BRETT MARKWOOD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

LANCASTER, Ohio --The Fairfield County Foundation has announced the 2013-2014 scholarship recipient for the Officer Brett Markwood Scholarship. This year, the Foundation will provide approximately $618,720 in scholarships to 356 area students.

This scholarship was formed by the family and friends of Officer Brett Markwood, the Lancaster Police Department and the F.O.P. Lodge after Officer Markwood was shot in the line of duty. This scholarship is for Fairfield County students to attend a police academy, technical school for law enforcement training or a four year college in law enforcement related fields.

This year, the Officer Brett Markwood Scholarship recipient is Elijah Schmelzer, a graduate of Lancaster High who will attend Hocking College for Police Science.

*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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