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**FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES ROBERT KNISLEY FIRE SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

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

The Lancaster Professional Firefighters’ I.A.F.F. Local 291 established this scholarship in 2007 as a memorial to the late Robert “Bobby” Knisley, a former Lancaster Firefighter. This scholarship is for graduates of a Fairfield County high school who want to pursue a career in fire service and are attending a college pursing a fire science degree or a vocational school pursuing a state of Ohio certification in a fire or EMS field. Children of present/former Lancaster Fire Department members are given preference and can be graduates of any high school.

This year, the Robert Knisley Fire Service Scholarship recipient is Kristen Fetty, a Fairfield Union graduate who will attend Hocking College for Fire Service and Nursing.

*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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