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**FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES MOLLY ANN CLARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**

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

This fund was established for the purpose of providing educational scholarships for students meeting certain criteria. Students must be between the ages of 17-21 and must be from Fairfield, Perry, Pickaway, Hocking, Licking, Athens or Muskingum counties. The student must also demonstrate an interest in community service and volunteerism, and must be past participants of the Lancaster Soap Box Derby, past derby queens, or have had a family that either volunteered or served on the board of directors of the Lancaster Soap Box Derby.

Students who met the above criteria were given preference in determining recipients, or a student seeking a degree in substance abuse education may be accepted every even year.

The first recipient of the Molly Ann Clark Memorial Scholarship is Sara A. Rauch, a graduate of Fairfield Christian Academy who will be attending Morehead State University 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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