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**Fairfield County Foundation Administers New Scholarship Fund**

LANCASTER, Ohio --The Fairfield County Foundation recently began administering the Hocking Valley Dental Society Scholarship Fund, which assists students who reside in or have graduated from a high school within Fairfield, Perry, Hocking or Athens counties and who plan to study dental hygiene or expanded function dental assisting. In addition, employees of a dentist in the Hocking Valley Dental Society may also be eligible.

“It is an honor to be able to work with the students in our community to help make their higher academic goals a reality,” said Executive Director of the Fairfield County Foundation, Amy Eyman. “The Hocking Valley Dental Society Scholarship Fund gives students with a goal of entering the dentistry field the opportunity to succeed.”

The Hocking Valley Dental Society was established in January 1966 with Hubert B. Eyman Sr. DDS as president. Prior to that date, dentists in Fairfield, Perry, Hocking and Athens counties were part of the Rehwinkel Dental Society. Due to the distance involved to make the trip to Chillicothe where they would meet, the dentists in this area felt it best to be part of their own organization and thus the Hocking Valley Dental Society was formed. Today they have 74 active members and life members.

This year’s recipient of the Hocking Valley Dental Society Scholarship is Tia Altier. Tia is a 2015 graduate of Trimble High School in Glouster, Ohio and will attend Shawnee State University majoring in Dental Hygiene.

For more information regarding the Hocking Valley Dental Society Scholarship Fund contact the Fairfield County Foundation at 740-654-8451.

*About the Fairfield County Foundation:*

*The Fairfield County Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit that along with its supporters, helps to sustain and 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. For more information about the Foundation, please call 740-654-8451 or visit* [*www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org*](http://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org)*.*

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