



# **FOUNDATION CONNECTION**



# **IMPORTANT UPDATES & DEADLINES**



- Scholarship Application Deadline: March 8
- 35th Anniversary Dinner Celebration: April 17
- Nonprofit Convening: April 18
- Cycle 2 Preliminary Grant Application Due: May 13



# A LOOK BACK AT 2023



#### GRANTS

to public charities to benefit the residents of Fairfield County, totaling more than:





#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

awarded to Fairfield County students to help in their goals to attain higher education:

§685,842



#### ASSETS

in total as of December 31, 2023, a 17% increase compared to prior years:

\$69.9M



### CONTRIBUTIONS

in memory/honor of loved ones, to support a special fund or charity, to establish a new fund, or as estate bequests:

54.1M



#### **NEW FUNDS**

established to support the causes important to individual donors at a yearly record number:

14

### ALL GRANTS PAID BY PROGRAM AREA - TOTAL GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS



# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

The Fairfield County Foundation mission is to build a legacy through philanthropy and stewardship for a stronger community. We do this by providing a variety of opportunities for community members to support the local causes and organizations they care about. The result is a lasting legacy that addresses the needs of today and the challenges of tomorrow, establishes a tradition of philanthropy, and develops community capital to improve the quality of life now and well into the future. The Foundation is your local source for comprehensive charitable giving.



**DONATE** – By partnering with donors, we enable the citizens of Fairfield County to achieve their philanthropic goals confidently, effectively, and intelligently.



**COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND** – The Community Impact Fund is an unrestricted fund that enables the Foundation to respond to changing community needs, support innovative solutions to community problems, and enhance the quality of life in Fairfield County.



AMBASSADORS' CLUB – The Ambassadors' Club provides the funds to help the Foundation raise awareness of the importance of philanthropy in our community and shares information about the Foundation's efforts locally.



WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE – The Women's Giving Circle is a volunteer-led and member-managed giving circle whose main purpose is to connect, invest and inspire hope for youth and women in Fairfield County by awarding grants to local nonprofits.









For more information about how you can get involved with the Foundation:
Call our office at **740-654-8451** or visit our website at **www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org**162 East Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130-3712

## SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



## **Scholarship Application Review Tips**

The deadline for the 2024-2025 scholarship application is quickly approaching. The application will close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 8, 2024. Review of scholarship applications will begin shortly after and will continue through early June.

For those students who have not received their Student Aid Index (SAI) from the FAFSA due to the delays this year, please turn in your scholarship application without that information. When you receive

your SAI from FAFSA, email that information to <a href="mailto:aspires@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org">aspires@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org</a> so that it can be considered for need-based scholarships.

Students who receive a scholarship offer from an online scholarship will be notified via the email address used to log on to their account. Not all scholarships are awarded at the same time. Students will need to complete follow-up information in the online portal, if awarded. Students can visit the online portal anytime to check the status of each scholarship they were eligible to receive.

PLEASE NOTE: If there are any changes to a student's plans for the 2024-2025 school year (a change in school, major or other financial aid received) that would require a change to the information submitted in the original application, please email the changes to Andrea Spires at aspires@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org.

Lastly, don't forget to check out the scholarship opportunities that still have paper applications. These include the Edward N. Sands Scholarship for Liberty Union graduates and the Trevor and Violet Jones Memorial Scholarship for Millersport High School graduates. These applications can be found on our website at: <a href="https://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org/scholarships/applications">https://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org/scholarships/applications</a>

## FOUNDATION TO HOST NONPROFIT SUMMIT



## **Interested in Sponsoring?**

Contact Abby King at aking@fairfieldcountyfoundation.org or 740/654-8451.









**FUNDS** 

**DONATE** 

**GRANTS** 

**SCHOLARSHIPS** 



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