



# THE SCHOLARSHIP ISSUE

*Alexis Hagerman*

Recipient of the 2019  
Defiance Area Chamber  
of Commerce  
Scholarship Fund



## *How college is going?*

"I'm majoring in English with an ILA/AYA concentration which will allow me to earn a license to teach 7-12 grade high school English along with my degree. I'm also pursuing a Spanish minor. Moving to college was a huge adjustment, but I'm finally settling in and becoming part of the Dayton community! I made the Dean's list for my first semester, and I'm starting the second strong with my first field placement in Wayne High School, in the Huber Heights district."

## *Have you had any surprises or challenges?*

"I went into college as a Sports Science major hoping to become an occupational therapist. Once I got here, though, and started learning more about myself, I quickly knew that wasn't for me. I changed my major to English specifically to teach, and it's been smooth sailing ever since. The vast array of opportunities here at Wright State and in Dayton, in general, are helping me really find out who I am and what I'm interested in, which is a liberating experience."

## *What are you looking forward to?*

"I'm also starting an internship with an online news platform called Elevate Dayton as a writer for their nonprofit pieces. This internship will be a great opportunity to learn about the Dayton community and the people living here. I also started volunteering at the Dakota Center in west Dayton where I help kids with their homework after school. I'm reaching out of my comfort zone, trying new things, and loving life at college!"

## *Was the scholarship helpful?*

"If it wasn't for the scholarships that I was awarded, I truly wouldn't have moved to college. I would have had to choose a more affordable option that would probably have involved living at home. While I love Defiance, moving to college has given me many needed life skills including but not limited to the sheer ability to live on my own and support myself. This scholarship has been vital in my ability to be as successful and happy as I am today."

There are so many things that a person can do with his or her money. Endless possessions to buy, endless places to go, endless sights to see. The fact that he or she chose to donate a scholarship that I ended up receiving makes me feel beyond grateful. This scholarship was more than just money for me. It was an experience. It was books to read, a dorm to live in, a new city to explore, and classes that will turn me into the amazing teacher that I aspire to be."

*"I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for believing in me and giving me the assistance I needed to follow my dreams."*

*To Enhance, Enrich, Encourage, and Support the Defiance County Community*

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*Carly Wendling*

Recipient of the 2019  
Fairview Fund  
Scholarship

"After spending a semester at Miami University, I can proudly say I picked the right school for me. I have met some amazing people, peers and professors, gotten involved with some clubs and organizations, and I can truly say I am very happy there.

I am currently a Business Undeclared major but I am looking into declaring a major in either Accounting or Finance with a minor in Fashion or Social Entrepreneurship.

I would like to share that the money I received from the Fairview Fund Scholarship went towards paying for a program/class I was accepted into that occurred over Winter break. This course entailed one week in San Francisco and one week in Cincinnati and during that time, I and 15 other females met with over 20 strong female business women. Some of these ladies were founders of their own companies and others held very high positions within their companies, for example, Google and Gap Inc. to name a few. I learned a lot not only about the business world and females within it, but I learned a lot about myself on this trip.

I am very thankful I had the opportunity to experience this trip and be apart of this program. With that being said I want to thank those a part of the Fairview Fund Scholarship for choosing me to receive their scholarship, because without it, I would have never been able to have met so many amazing women and learned so much. *Best Regards, Carly*"



## 2020 Scholarship Opportunities

### Lisa Yoder Scholarship Fund:

Eligibility: This non-renewable scholarship is awarded annually to applicants who have graduated from a public high school, attended St. Michaels Catholic Church as a member at the time of application, and are continuing on as a full-time first-year student at an accredited university or college pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree. Contact: Chris at [chris@defianceareafoundation.org](mailto:chris@defianceareafoundation.org)

### Fairview Football Scholarship Fund:

Eligibility: This non-renewable scholarship is awarded annually for a senior varsity football player that is going on to college. **Contact:** Fairview Schools guidance counselor: [lori.polter@centrallocal.org](mailto:lori.polter@centrallocal.org)

### Fairview Schools Fund:

Eligibility: Senior who will be graduating from Fairview High School. Criteria includes: GPA, essay, work experience, extracurricular activities, and community service. Contact: Fairview Schools guidance counselor: [lori.polter@centrallocal.org](mailto:lori.polter@centrallocal.org)

### Defiance Metal Products Scholarship Fund:

Eligibility: Graduated from a public high school or obtained their G.E.D., child or dependent of a DMP employee, and are continuing on as a full-time first year student at an accredited university or college pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree. Contact: Jodie Mohr at DMP, [jmohr@defiancemetal.com](mailto:jmohr@defiancemetal.com)

### Defiance High School Girls Tennis Scholarship Fund:

Eligibility: Graduated from Defiance High School, have participated in the sport of girl's tennis a minimum of 3 years, lettering a minimum of 2 years, and achieving a 3.0 or better cumulative GPA for their four years of high school. Contact: Defiance High School Guidance Counselor: [tsinger@defianceschools.net](mailto:tsinger@defianceschools.net)

### Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce (DACC) Scholarship Fund:

Eligibility: Chamber members in good standing, member's employees, employee's spouse, and employee's dependents who are accepted at an accredited university or college pursuing a degree, certification or license. Contact: The Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce: [marketing@defiancechamber.com](mailto:marketing@defiancechamber.com)

### Melton Family First Generation Scholarship Fund: \$1,000

Eligibility: Will graduate from Defiance High School and are the first generation in their family that intends to graduate from college. Must have achieved at least a B average in High School and intend to graduate from College with a Bachelor's Degree. Contact: Defiance High School Guidance Counselor – [tsinger@defianceschools.net](mailto:tsinger@defianceschools.net)

### Erica J. Strausbaugh Scholarship Fund: \$1,000

Eligibility: This scholarship is awarded annually to a Graduate from High School in Defiance County, age 25 years old or younger, and who intends to graduate with an Associate's Degree in Culinary Arts. Contact: Chris at [chris@defianceareafoundation.org](mailto:chris@defianceareafoundation.org)

### The Vetter Memorial Scholarship Fund: \$1,000

Eligibility: Residents/students of Defiance County seeking a focus or career in conservation, natural resources, agriculture or a related field. The recipient must be enrolled as a full-time student at a two-year or four-year accredited college, university or technical school. The scholarship will be payable directly to the college or university. Contact: Teri Agler at the Defiance SWCD at [tagler@defiance-county.com](mailto:tagler@defiance-county.com) or Chris Yoder at [chris@defianceareafoundation.org](mailto:chris@defianceareafoundation.org)

Learn more about these scholarships at [www.defianceareafoundation.org](http://www.defianceareafoundation.org).

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