

Cover Letter
For
Gene Fischer Memorial Scholarship Application

It has been two years since our beloved sheriff, Gene Fischer, passed away suddenly. In his memory, the Education Committee of the Greene County GOP initiated a scholarship program for young persons who plan to go into law enforcement as a career. This scholarship will be available to high school seniors and older who enroll in police officer training at the career center, police academy, or law enforcement programs at accredited institutions. This scholarship was first available in the Spring of 2023 and we hope to continue this scholarship each year. Applications will be available at the sheriff's office, at each Greene County High School guidance office, and at the Greene County GOP headquarters at 45 E Main Street in Xenia. The intent is to be non-partisan in fund raising and in granting the scholarship. Any person or organization wishing to assist in funding the program can do so through the GreeneGivingOnlineDonationPortal (ejoinme.org) or by check to the Greene County Community Foundation with a designation to the GOP Gene Fischer Scholarship. Donations will be tax deductible through the Foundation.

Sheriff Fischer actively participated in numerous community programs and was especially noted for his support of the Greene County youth at the Greene County Fair. He was noted for his common sense and fairness in a long career in law enforcement and was a leader in the Ohio law enforcement community. He was admired for his ability to work through tense situations and gain the respect of all parties involved. He set an example to be followed by others in life and in law enforcement.

The education committee is requesting that guidance counselors, other educators, and family members would encourage capable young people to complete the application. The number and amount of the scholarships granted will depend upon the income coming into the fund.

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