



Riley P. Counahan Memorial Scholarship



"Be somebody that makes everyone feel like a somebody."
—Riley



**Student Application
Submitted for Consideration
The Riley P. Counahan Memorial Scholarship**

- Name:

- High School:

- Date of Graduation:

- College Choice(s):

- Number of Foodbank Volunteer Opportunities:

- Total Foodbank Volunteer Hours:

- Current High School GPA:
- (Attach copy of your most recent grade report.)

- High School Extra-Curricular Activities:
 - (Include sports, student government, academic clubs, theatre, and other school-supported activities. Attach separate page if desired.)

- Community Involvement and Additional Volunteerism
 - (Include participation in non-school related activities and volunteerism beyond your Foodbank opportunities. Attach separate page to describe if desired.)

- Please attach a separate, one-page essay that describes why you deserve to earn this award. Include a review of your accomplishments, goals, and future intentions, remembering the warm generous spirit of Riley Counahan.

- Please attach a letter(s) of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, coach, or employer.
- Return this completed application along with attachments to the Foodbank by _____.

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Greetings from The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank Scholarship Opportunity for High School Seniors

Hello Guidance Counselor!

One family's tragic loss has turned into a heartfelt desire to help provide some scholarship support to an area high school student who will graduate in 2019.

Riley P. Counahan, age 16, died unexpectedly on June 30, 2018. Riley was entering his junior year of high school at University School. He was a young man who believed in giving back by helping others and being involved in the community. In the past, he volunteered at the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. He was known for his warmth, generosity, and inclusive spirit, and will be remembered as thoughtful, kind, and humble.

Riley was the beloved son of Chris and Michelle Counahan and the brother of Colin. The Counahan family has generously decided to provide scholarship support to a high school senior who has volunteered at the Foodbank. The purpose of the scholarship is to honor the memory of Riley, who lived life with a strong desire to help others, and to promote student volunteerism at the Foodbank.

The scholarship award for 2019 will be \$3,200. The volunteer requirements, as well as other guidelines are described in the attached Qualifying Criteria. Also included is an application form that must be fully completed by the student.

We seek your assistance in promoting and encouraging this opportunity among your graduating seniors. Samantha Donaldson, Foodbank Volunteer Coordinator, will be reviewing our database for students who are close to or have exceeded the service requirements, and will be actively promoting this opportunity directly with qualifying students as well.

Applications must be completed and returned to the Foodbank by Friday March 22, 2019. The recipient will be selected from among those who applied by the Counahan family and the scholarship will be presented at our Annual Volunteer Celebration held at the Foodbank on Tuesday April 9, 2019.

We are grateful to the Counahan family for honoring Riley by helping us to feed people and fight hunger through student volunteerism. Please contact either of us at the Foodbank with questions and thank you in advance for your attention to this opportunity!

With gratitude,



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