



News Release

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Three Scholarships Awarded for First Time in 2009

The Ohio Township Association (OTA) sponsors a scholarship program for high school seniors. Due to an exceptionally high amount of donations in 2008, three scholarships were offered for the first time in 2009. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$1,500 and is to be used for college or university tuition or other educational expenses. Students submitted an application, along with essay, and finalists participated in an interview. A total of 152 students applied for the three scholarships this year. The Ohio State University Extension conducts the selection process.

Eric Wheeler, Richland Township (Belmont County), is the recipient of the Academic Achievement Scholarship. Wheeler is attending Ohio State University in the fall, where he will major in computer and information sciences. Kelly Madden, Washington Township (Muskingum County) and Kailyn Mowery, Ellsworth Township (Mahoning County) are the winners of the Local Government Achievement Scholarship. Madden plans to attend Cedarville University because of its high academic standards and Christian values. Mowery is attending Ohio State University where she will major in middle childhood education.

The OTA scholarships are funded by donations from county township associations, individuals from across the state and the sale of OTA merchandise. More than \$5,000 has been donated to the fund this year. The 2010 scholarship application will be available online at www.ohiotownships.org in September of this year.

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The Ohio Township Association is a statewide organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of township government in Ohio. The Association was founded on June 28, 1928, and is organized in 87 Ohio counties. The Association has more than 5,200 active members, made up of trustees and fiscal officers from Ohio's 1,308 townships, and more than 3,000 associate members.

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