

Eric E. Smoker Memorial Scholarship

The Eric E. Smoker Memorial Scholarship was established in 2001 in memory of Eric Smoker by his parents Ernie and Genelle Smoker and his sister, Edwina Smoker. The fund was restructured in 2018 to provide support for educational scholarships for students who are accepted into and will attend an accredited two or four-year public or private institution.

Eric Smoker was a 1981 graduate of Rochester High School and a member of Grace United Methodist Church. In high school he was selected to attend John Herron Art Institute. He earned an Associate's of Arts degree at Antonnelli School of Arts, Cincinnati, Ohio and he pursued a degree in art education at Northern Kentucky University. As a professional artist, several of his pieces are on display at Cincinnati Museum of Art. Oils, acrylics and clay were his favorite form of art.

This scholarship is designed to provide assistance to students who are pursuing advanced training in the field of fine and applied arts. Within the application, all art forms are accepted including fine art, drama, music, graphic design, etc. to help support a student within the Fulton County Community. The purpose of this scholarship is to grant to individuals who are going to be investing in the arts.

Thanks to the generosity of the Smoker family, Eric's memory will live on forever and provide scholarships to students as they continue into an art field.