

Tyler Fisher Greenville University *ACI General Scholarship*

Tyler Fisher is excited about music -- all kinds of music. "I like the rhythms of gospel music, I like hip hop, I like rap, and I like country music. I like how country music tells a story," says Fisher, a sophomore at **Greenville University**, in Greenville, Illinois.



Fisher, from Houston, chose Greenville University thanks to the

influence of cousins who have attended and because he was recruited to play football. But after one season on the gridiron, Fisher decided to concentrate on his career. "That's when I really focused on music," he says. "A big reason I came to Greenville is that its audio engineering program is second to none."



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Fisher's major in music business and audio engineering is not surprising. Musical influences have surrounded him most of his life. His father has a large record collection, facilitating his introduction to a variety of musical styles at a young age. His mother played in the high school band, and his older brother, Durrell Jr., makes music found on Apple Music and Spotify.

Fisher wants to become a recording artist. "Music has always been there for me. I've been making music since I was about 12. I knew this is what I wanted to do," he says.

Fisher continued his pursuit of a degree and a career in music with the help of an ACI General Scholarship the university awarded him in the second semester of his freshman year. "I was having trouble finding money. I was in the financial aid office every day. Then they found the

ACI scholarship for me. I probably wouldn't still be in school without it because I wouldn't have been able to get the money from anywhere else," he says.

When he's not making music, Fisher serves on the Greenville University executive board for Mosaic Scholars, a campus group devoted to promoting diversity. And, of course, he helps with the university's GospelFest! and is a sound engineer and plays in various campus bands.