

## **Celebration Scholarship**

The Celebration Scholarship Fund was founded to support the religious, charitable and educational undertaking of the Palo Duro Presbytery by providing funding for academic scholarships to Presbyterian youth to further their opportunities for education beyond the high school level. The scholarship will extend eight semesters, and is awarded each year to a graduating high school student. The student must be an active member of a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregation located in Palo Duro Presbytery who wishes to attend a post-secondary institution of learning. The scholar must regularly attend Sunday worship in a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or a PCUSA-related college chapel in the city where schooling occurs. Note that this does not exclude a participation in weeknight Bible study groups or Church School groups, but such spiritual activity may not be substituted for regular Sunday worship. The Celebration Scholarship consists of \$500 each semester for a total of eight semesters.

The following is a quote from one of our scholars, Patrick Messersmith:

*I am very thankful for the Celebration Scholarship that I receive every semester. Not only is it financial assistance, it brought me to my present church home. I couldn't imagine my college life without this Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) – the fulfillment I take away from church every week carries me through each day. In God's purpose for our lives, I believe we are meant to find certain people that aid us in our spiritual journey, for that reason this Church has been literally a Godsend, and thanks to the Celebration Scholarship, I get to enjoy a part of a larger community of Presbyterian scholars who continue to broaden their horizons in the classroom as well as in the Denomination. I am so honored to receive the Celebration Scholarship.*