



Celebrate

Apply now for a
Palo Duro Presbytery
CELEBRATION SCHOLARSHIP

Application Deadline: March 16, 2026

Send inquiries to Mona Statser, Board President at:
monastatser@yahoo.com

Return complete application by mail to:
Palo Duro Presbytery, P.O. Box 16267, Lubbock, Texas 79490

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 PC(USA)-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.

Celebration Scholarship Application Checklist

Use this check sheet to make sure every item below is included in your return packet before submitting your application.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Church member reference and High School Counselor/Faculty reference may be placed in a sealed envelope, but it is your responsibility to include them in your return packet, with your application.

Initial when complete.

1.	Check List (page 3)	1.
2.	Application (pages 4-6)	2.
3.	Local Church Evaluation (page 7)	3.
4.	Church Member Reference (page 8)	4.
5.	High School Counselor/Facility Reference (page 9)	5.
6.	Transcript, complete through the junior year (11th grade) with GPA, class rank, and standardized test scores (including SAT and/or ACT results)	6.
7.	SAT/ACT (if not part of the transcript)	7.

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Palo Duro Presbytery
P.O. Box 16267
Lubbock, TX 79490-6267



Celebration Scholarship Fund, Inc. of Palo Duro Presbytery

CELEBRATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Use black ink or text only.

Applicant's Name _____ SS # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

E-mail Address _____ Date of Birth _____

Sponsoring Church _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone () _____

High School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone () _____

Father's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

Mother's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

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Church membership of your parents _____

I am interested in post-secondary education at:

Name of College or University _____

Name of Technical or Vocational School _____

Studying _____

List areas of service to your church (including but not limited to church school, worship, youth fellowship, choir, VCS, Presbytery committees, camps, and conferences).

List service to your school or community.

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As a Celebration Scholar, on Sundays, I will regularly worship and participate in the life of a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the city where schooling occurs or in a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) college chapel program which fosters church membership in the Reformed tradition. If I am a commuter, I will continue involvement in my home church. I further understand that I must petition the Board of Directors of Celebration Scholarship Fund, Inc. for any other arrangements regarding involvement in a host church while I receive this scholarship.

Date _____ Signature _____

Please write a narrative which tells about your church relationship. *Include information about experiences, events, people, and how the church has influenced you. If additional space is needed, please use the reverse side of this page or use an additional page.*

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Local Church Evaluation

Use black ink or text only.

We, the members of

Name of church _____ City _____ State _____

submit the name of

as a Celebration Scholar.

Name of candidate _____

Where baptized:

When: _____

Where confirmed:

When: _____

Participation

	Never	Seldom	Regularly
Corporate Worship			
Youth Fellowship			
Church School Participation			

Assisting with or attendance at:

	No	Yes	Number of Years
Vacation Church School			
Camps			
Conferences			

Offices held in:

Local _____

Presbytery _____

National _____

Other offices held: _____

Signature _____ Title _____

Pastor, Associate Pastor, or Session Elder

Please complete this form and return it to applicant at your earliest convenience.

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Church Member Reference

Use black ink or text only.

Please write a narrative which tells about your church relationship with applicant.

After completion, please return this form to applicant at your earliest convenience.

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High School Counselor/Faculty Reference

Use black ink or text only.

Please complete this form and return it to applicant.

_____ has made application for a Celebration Scholarship, a scholarship program of Palo Duro Presbytery, The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). While it is important that the applicant has the potential to complete successfully his/her college or vocational school goals, for the purpose of this scholarship, attitude, integrity, and the capability for altruistic service are the main considerations.

YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP APTITUDES
OF THIS STUDENT IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED AND WILL BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE.
THANK YOU.

1. How have you known this student?

2. Have you found him/her to be generally:

Self-disciplined

Yes No

Respectful of others

_____ _____

Able to put common good above personal recognition

_____ _____

Willing to go the extra mile on a project or assignment

_____ _____

Of integrity and moral character

_____ _____

Comments:

3. Is he/she respected by school peers?

4. Would you describe his/her social relationships with classmates as:

One who is a recognized leader

_____ One who is accepted by students and faculty

_____ One who is in the "In" crowd and usually found in a bevy of classmates

_____ One who is more likely to be seen enjoying his own company or that of a few close friends

_____ One who is not understood or accepted by others

Comments:

5. Please add any other comment that might provide insight into the personality, strong aptitudes,

Name: _____ Position: _____