

# The Chelsi Petersen Memorial Scholarship

**Eligibility:** Male or female high school senior who has attended at least one year at Dixie, Snow Canyon, Desert Hills, or Pine View High School. Student has participated in at least one sport and intends to further their education at any higher education institution in any field. The recipient will be selected without regard to race, religion, or cultural background.

## Criteria for Selection

**Character of Candidate:** Must have a high character and exhibit the qualities of selfless service, honesty, integrity, and morality.

**Financial Need:**

The preferred candidate is one who has a true personal and family financial need in order to further his/her education. If a candidate is outstanding in the other areas, and lacking any other reasonable candidate, economic status may be disregarded. Determining of economic status is solely at the discretion of each high school's counseling dept.

**Sports Ability:**

The candidate should have demonstrated a strong work ethic in their chosen sport(s). Excelling in sports is not a requirement. Sportsmanship however must be above reproach. Continuing to compete in sports at the higher education institution is not a requirement. Receiving a part of full sports scholarship from a higher institution would make the candidate a less likely recipient, but not disqualify them from receiving this award.

**Academic Ability:**

The candidate should have demonstrated a strong work ethic in academics. Excellence in academics is not a requirement but a 3.0 GPA or above is preferred. Receiving a part or full academic scholarship from a higher institution would make the candidate a less likely recipient but not disqualify them from receiving this award.

This scholarship is in the form of a cash award provided by the friends and family of Chelsi Dawn Petersen. The amount may vary from year to year, depending on the amount of funds raised at "Chelsi's Run" (a local fund raiser in memory of Chelsi.)

Once the selection is made, each awardee will receive a letter of congratulations from the Foundation for Students of Washington County with all instructions to access the funds. That letter or copy of the letter should be presented to the institution of higher education at the time of registration. At that point, the college or university will request the funds from the Foundation. Once the request has been made, a check will be sent to the college or university in behalf of the student. This award is to be used for tuition, fees, or books only. The administration of the funds is at the sole discretion of the higher institution. If

the recipient is not willing to maintain a 3.0 GPA at the higher institution, the remaining funds will be sent back to the Foundation for Students of Washington County to be deposited back into the Foundation scholarship account. Scholarship funds must be used within two years of receiving award, unless notification of an extension is given in advance to committee treasurer.

### **Acknowledgements**

The friends and family of Chelsi Petersen respectfully acknowledge and appreciate the many efforts of the community, administrators, educators, and coaches at all levels, to make this scholarship a reality for a deserving high school student.

### **Chelsi Dawn Petersen Biographical Sketch**

(To be read when scholarship is awarded)

Chelsi Dawn Petersen was born July 15, 1987. She died in a tragic car accident on June 6, 2008. Her incredible smile, beauty and strength are missed by all who knew her. Chelsi was a very talented athlete, excelling in gymnastics, cheerleading and track. She competed as a level 9 gymnast, where she won many awards and recognition. Chelsi discovered her talent for running at a young age. In the year 2000, she had the opportunity to compete with her 13-14 year old relay team at the National Hershey's Track Meet in Hershey Pennsylvania. Chelsi attended Dixie High School where she was a cheerleader, and competed in track, breaking several school records. She continued her love track at BYU, where she was a member of the Cougar Track Team. Chelsi seemed to know life was a race she would only run once, and she embraced every opportunity that came her way. Chelsi believed in always finishing what you started. She lived by that motto throughout her life. Chelsi's life touched countless people in her short 20 years. We know she will continue to bring light and happiness to those who knew and loved her. She would be very proud to give this scholarship to a deserving athlete. We are honored to give it in her name.