

Meet the 2015 Recipients of the CMMS Deshae Lott Ministries Outreach Scholarships



Philip N. Soen Recipient of a \$750 Scholarship

Philip Soen is another familiar name in our program, and we are pleased to announce that he is a repeat recipient of our scholarship. Philip first received our scholarship while pursuing his Master of Divinity at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. He is now a candidate for a Ph.D. in New

Testament Studies at Dallas Theological Seminary. Philip has Charcot Marie Tooth Disease, and needs assistance with all of the daily life skills listed on our application except for breathing, hearing, seeing, and communicating. He feels that in addition to pursuing his professional goals, he is in a position to help and inspire people who “feel powerless to act in the face of ordinary obstacles,” and to help them more fully realize their own power and strength.

Kaitlyn Fisher Recipient of a \$750 Scholarship

Kaitlyn is pursuing her Master of Social Work at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She was born with Spinal Muscular Atrophy. She uses a power wheelchair full time, and needs assistance with all the daily life activities on our application except for breathing, communicating, seeing and hearing. Kaitlyn received her Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Edinboro, and comes highly recommended by her professors and by her supervisors at the Erie County Crime Victims’ Center, where she did an internship. As an undergraduate, she was co-president of the Criminal Justice Club and a member of Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society. She says, “All my life, I have wanted to become someone whose job was to help others.” With her MSW, she plans to pursue a career as a medical social worker, either in a pediatrics unit or emergency room of a hospital. She is pictured here with her co-worker, Lacey.

