



GOVERNOR'S INSTITUTE ON ALCOHOL & SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The Governor's Institute on Alcohol & Substance Abuse Inc. Lester Ray Fleming Scholarship

5000.00/ Five years conference scholarships

The Governor's Institute on Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Inc. has set aside funds to support four scholarships each year for five years, 2007-2011. The Institute will award \$250 scholarships to four students attending North Carolina Community Colleges. These students must be majoring in a human services / substance abuse track. Students must submit a competitive application. A review committee will select scholars to attend the *Southern Organization for Human Services* Conference.

For more information, contact Larry Woodard, Governor's Institute, 919/256-7412 or lwoodard1@mindspring.com. Applications can be downloaded from www.governorsinstitute.org or by calling 919-990-9559.



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Located on North Carolina State University Centennial Campus

Scholarships for North Carolina Community College Students to Attend Regional SOHS Conferences 2007-2011

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The North Carolina Governor's Institute on Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Inc. has established scholarships for North Carolina community college students in memory of Lester Ray Fleming, son of Eugene and Mary Fleming and father of Tristan and Curtis. Mr. Fleming was an employee of the Institute at the time of his death in August 2005.

When an opportunity to help students attend the regional **Southern Organization** for Human Services conference arose, the Institute not only saw a reason to help but also viewed it as a way to honor Lester by naming the scholarships for him. One of the goals of the Institute is to advance knowledge, research, training, and education of health professionals in the fields of substance abuse and mental health. Integral to that goal is the education of faculty and students in higher education about substance abuse and mental health issues as well as career opportunities.

Lester epitomized the achievement of this goal. He majored in psychology at Guilford College. Through a temporary agency, he started working at PBM graphics as a parking lot sweeper. During his seven years at the agency, he quickly rose through the ranks, through hard work; dedication, and intelligence and eventually worked as a Desktop Publishing supervisor.

As a contract worker with Oxford House in the State of North Carolina, Lester was involved in opening almost every single Oxford House in Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and Asheboro. He also had positions with the local chapter, the Oxford House State Board, and the Oxford House World Committee.

In 2003, he started working with DePaul University in Chicago, IL on a behavioral research study located in Greensboro. He later caught the attention of the Governor's Institute on Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Inc.; the Institute hired him as a research associate to work on the Clinical Trials Network, a study funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. He loved his work with the Institute and the **Alcohol & Drug Services** in Greensboro.

These scholarships celebrate the life, integrity, and positive force that Lester had on individuals with whom he came in contact. It is the hope that these scholarships will benefit and prepare students to educate and serve others in their communities. Those selected will not only receive a \$250.00 scholarship but may have the opportunity to attend other venues sponsored by the Institute free of charge where they will gain valuable insight meeting leading researchers, policymakers, and administrators in the field. Scholarship recipients may also have the opportunity to participate in a project at the discretion of the Governor's Institute. Contact 919-990-9559 or www.governorsinstitute.org for more info. Contact person listed:

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