

AL FORTHAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Al Forthan Memorial Scholarship honors Al Forthan and encourages students to explore how addiction has impacted our community and think about solutions to this complex problem. Al brought with him a deep passion and commitment to helping others down the road to recovery. He worked from his heart and brought wisdom, integrity, compassion and understanding to the men at the VOA Oregon Men's Residential Center. Al touched the lives of hundreds of men. In 2011, the Al Forthan Memorial Recovery Scholarship awarded \$35,000 in scholarships to seniors from Oregon high schools.



Scholarships available for the 2011 – 2012 school year:

(1) The **Al Forthan Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to seniors at Portland Public High Schools. Scholarships are awarded in various amounts and will be based on financial need and an essay.

(2) The **Al Forthan Memorial Scholarship for Oregon Students from Families Impacted by Addiction** is awarded to a senior affected by addiction anywhere in the state of Oregon. One \$4,000 scholarship and several others of various amounts will be awarded in 2012, based on financial need and an essay.

HOW TO APPLY:

Complete an essay answering the following questions. Type out each question, followed by your response. All essays should be typed and double spaced.

- (1) Describe how alcohol and drug addiction has impacted your school community and some of the possible solutions to this problem. (1.5 pages)
- (2) Reflect on class and race differences in relationship to alcohol and drug addiction. (1 page)
- (3) Describe your involvement in community service and the impact of your service. (1 page)
- (4) If applicable, please describe any income barriers you face to your higher education. (0.5 page)

In addition to the questions and statements above, students applying for the **Al Forthan Memorial Scholarship for Students from Families Impacted by Addiction** must answer the question below.

- (5) Describe how alcohol and drug addiction in your family has affected you personally. How did you cope? (1.5 Page)

Essays can be e-mailed to kyates@voaor.org, and are due by **April 9, 2012**.

Please include your address, phone number, e-mail and what school you attend so we can contact you. Students may apply for more than one scholarship, but may only receive one. Family members of MRC employee are not eligible to win. For questions about the scholarships contact Kristin Yates at **503-802-0299** or at kyates@voaor.org.