



2015 Al Forthan Memorial \$10,000 Scholarship

Who: The **Al Forthan Memorial Scholarship** is awarded to an Oregon high school senior from a family affected by alcohol or drug addiction. Affected by addiction means you have been raised by a parent or guardian who has experienced addiction or you have abused alcohol or drugs and are now pursuing recovery.

What: One \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded in 2015. It will be allocated in \$2,500 installments over four years.

- To be eligible for the \$10,000 scholarship you will need to include in your application a one page (maximum) letter of support from a teacher, coach, school counselor, adult mentor, pastor, etc. describing your character and why they would recommend you for this scholarship.
- Several other scholarships of various amounts will be awarded in 2015. To be eligible for the scholarships less than \$10,000 you do not need a letter of support.

How to apply: Scholarship awards will be based on the students' response to each of the following six questions or statements.

- (1)** It is a fact that alcohol and drugs are widely used and abused by teenagers in the United States. Research this topic and describe some of the solutions to this problem. (1page)
- (2)** Research how race and class correlate with incarceration rates in terms of alcohol and drug addiction. (1 page)
- (3a)** Use a spreadsheet or table to list all volunteer/community service work and high school activities (sports, drama, music, etc.) and the number of hours and or years you have participated in those activities.
- (3b)** Describe how the volunteer/service work you performed has impacted you, what has been most meaningful to you, and how the work has shaped your future. (1 page)
- (4)** Please describe any income barriers you face to your higher education and also, describe how the scholarship will benefit you in reaching your goals. (1 page)
- (5)** Describe how alcohol and drug addiction in your family has affected you personally. How did you cope? (1.5 Page)
- (6)** To be eligible for the \$10,000 scholarship you will need to include in your application a one page (maximum) letter of support from a teacher, coach, school counselor, adult mentor, pastor, etc. describing your character and why they would recommend you for this scholarship.

Details: Essays will be e-mailed as an attachment to kyates@voaor.org (please also attach your reference letter if you are applying for the \$10,000 scholarship) and are due by **February 2nd, 2015**. **Please include your address, phone number, e-mail and what school you attend so we can contact you.** Please type out each question, followed by your response. All essays should be typed and double spaced.

Have questions about the scholarship? Contact Kristin Yates kyates@voaor.org or 503-802-0299
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Purpose: The purpose of this scholarship is to honor Al, and encourage students to explore how addiction has impacted our community and think about solutions to this complex problem. Al was the first alumnus to work at the Men's Residential Center (MRC), and he brought with him a deep passion and commitment to helping others travel down the road to recovery. Al worked from his heart and brought wisdom, integrity, compassion and understanding to the men at the MRC. During his time there, Al touched the lives of hundreds of men and was the ultimate role model of recovery. In 2014, the Al Forthan Memorial Scholarship awarded \$61,000 in scholarships to seniors from Oregon high schools.



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