

# Michael H. T. Lynch Memorial Scholarship

## National League of Cities Annual Leadership Summit

**M**ichael H.T. Lynch, a long-serving councilmember from Kirkwood, Missouri, epitomized an example of strong leadership and community involvement. Until his untimely death in February 2008, Councilmember Lynch was an active community leader and was active in the Leadership Training Institute as a learner, a mentor and a member of NLC's Leadership Training Council (LTC) and the LTC Scholarship Committee

Councilmember Lynch was an advocate for education and training as well as a dedicated public servant. Prior to his election to the Kirkwood City Council in 2000, he served on the city's Planning and Zoning Commission and was closely involved with the Kirkwood Special Business District.

In recognition of Councilmember Michael Lynch's contributions to the National League of Cities (NLC), the Leadership Training Institute, and the Scholarship Committee of the Leadership Training Council, NLC has created the Michael H. T. Lynch Scholarship for an NLC Member to attend the Annual Leadership Summit.

The Annual Leadership Summit is a personal leadership retreat designed to enhance success and understanding of leadership roles and responsibilities as a municipal official.

The National League of Cities is committed to strengthening and promoting the leadership capacity of our nations' local city officials. As part of the NLC Mission to create stronger communities, the Leadership Training Institute (LTI) was established to promote excellence in municipal leadership through high quality education and training programs for local city leaders.

### Scholarship Information:

In recognition and remembrance of Councilmember Michael Lynch, the NLC Leadership Training Institute provides a scholarship in an amount of \$2,500 for the Annual Leadership Summit. Councilmember Lynch was a strong advocate of education and training as he continually strived to engage NLC Members and newly-elected officials in NLC Leadership Training seminars, especially the annual Leadership Summit.

### Application requirements:

- ✓ Fully complete the scholarship application form.
- ✓ Include a 500-word minimum personal statement.
- ✓ Include your Summit registration form with your scholarship application.
- ✓ Submit your scholarship application by the due date; all applications must be postmarked by July 15th.

### Selection criteria:

**Only applications that meet the following criteria will be considered:**

1. Application was received or postmarked by the due date of July 15.
2. Applicant is from an NLC member city.
3. Applicant currently serves as an elected or appointed local official.

**All applications that meet the criteria listed above will be reviewed using the following selection criteria, listed in order of priority:**

1. You provided a strong, thoughtful personal statement that was 500 words or more and is reflective of your community involvement, increasing leadership role, and commitment to life-long learning and mentoring.
2. You have served in other community leadership roles.
3. You have held leadership positions or roles for another organization or group.
4. You have indicated number of years in current office or position (preference may be given to newly-elected or appointed officials).



# Scholarship Application

*"Michael Lynch was one of the LTC members who welcomed me to my first Leadership Summit in September, 2006. He had been a friend and mentor ever since. I found his experience, encouragement and wonderful sense of humor invaluable as I navigated that steep learning curve as a newly elected official."*

*- Carolyn Comitta, Borough Council, Westchester, PA, 5th Ward*

## SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

All local elected or appointed officials from NLC member cities are eligible to apply. The \$2,500 scholarship covers the registration fee, airfare, travel, and lodging expenses for the NLC Annual Leadership Summit program.

In order to be considered for the scholarship you must complete this application in accordance with the requirements, attach your personal statement (500 words or more), identify your community involvement and leadership roles, and submit your application by the due date of July 15th. Your application will be ranked on the strength of your personal statement and the level of your community involvement and leadership roles as outlined in the selection criteria.

## APPLICANT INFORMATION (please print or type):

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in office/position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## SELECTION CRITERIA (in order of priority):

### 1. Personal Statement:

Please attach your personal statement (500 words or more) that addresses your involvement in the community, including your leadership positions and experiences as a local city leader, along with your commitment as a life-long learner and mentor.

### 2. Community Leadership Roles:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Leadership Positions or Roles in Other Organizations:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return your completed scholarship application, along with your personal statement to the NLC Leadership Training Institute by July 15 to the **National League of Cities, Leadership Training Institute, 1301 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 550, Washington, DC 20004***

