



DOUGLAS TAYLOR SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ✓ Early career professionals are those who have completed their training, but have been working two years or less in the field of Forensic Mental Health and experience a financial hardship in covering the cost of the conference.

ABOUT DOUGLAS

Douglas Taylor Smith, LCSW, was a dedicated leader and ardent advocate in the field of forensic mental health. For nearly 30 years, he worked for the San Diego County Behavioral Health Department, serving as the Program Manager for the Conditional Release Program for most of those years.

Douglas was also a member of FMHAC since almost its inception over 40 years ago. He served on the Board of Directors as Secretary, and as Treasurer. In acknowledgement of his contributions to the field, he was the proud recipient of the Christine M. West Award in 2011.

One of the many qualities Douglas is fondly remembered for is his passion for the field of forensic mental health and for FMHAC's role in advancing the field. He was always eager to warmly welcome early career professionals into the field, sharing with them what he had learned over the years and assisting them in networking at the annual FMHAC conference. Those he welcomed could go on to reach out to him any time for advice as they navigated the challenges inherent in this work. He would always have a story, a wise euphemism from his childhood, or words of camaraderie that would make the burdens of doing this challenging work more bearable.

Although Douglas passed in March 2019, his passion for the field will live on in the Douglas Taylor Smith Scholarship. Each year, one early career professional will be selected as the recipient of the scholarship and will be awarded free tuition for the FMHAC conference.

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Candidates need to complete the on-line application and submit their cover letter, resume, and letter of recommendation by Wednesday, February 19, 2020.



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