The Florida Council of Administrator of Special Education (CASE), a Division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) has established a scholarship program to award financial scholarships in the name of Dr. Landis Stetler, a pioneer and great leader in exceptional student education (ESE) in the state of Florida and the nation. The award will be made annually at the Florida CEC conference.

Criteria:
The successful applicant must meet all of the following criteria, as determined by the selection committee:

1. Be a Florida resident and currently enrolled in an under-graduate or graduate program leading to certification in ESE and or major in exceptional student education. (a focus on administration of exceptional student education will be given special consideration)
2. Sign an affidavit that the applicant intends to teach or work in a district level position in ESE in the state of Florida.
3. Provide two letters of recommendation, one of which is from the university or college major professor.
4. Complete the application form provided. A major part of the application is the narrative including the reason the applicant believes he/she is worthy of the scholarship.

Procedures for application:
Applications are available online at the Florida Council for Exceptional Children’s web page. Completed applications and the two letters of recommendation should be sent to Florida Council for Exceptional Children, Attn: Diane Johnson, 3955 W. Pensacola Street, Tallahassee, FL 32304. Deadline for submission is no later than September 15, 2006. All applications must be received by the deadline in order to be considered.

Procedures for review and selection:
A Committee will be chaired by the President elect of Florida CASE who will appoint three CASE members representing the district administrators in the state. The Florida CEC awards chair will appoint one person to the committee who will serve as a liaison in the selection process. Applications will be reviewed and scored by the committee either in person, via mail, or electronically, and the score sheets will be sent to the scholarship committee chair.

All applicants will be notified of the results. The scholarship will be awarded as part of the annual Florida CEC conference. It is hoped that the recipient can attend the state Florida CEC conference in October to be presented with the award in person.

Amount of award
At the discretion of the Awards Committee one scholarship in the amount or $1,000.00, or two scholarships in the amount of $500.00 each shall be awarded.