The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) John E. Roueche Future Leaders Institute Award is named in honor of Dr. John E. Roueche, a nationally recognized authority in community college education. Dr. Roueche has played an important role in shaping community college leadership over the last 40 years and has written 35 books and over 150 chapters and articles. He has spoken to more than 1,300 community colleges and universities since 1970 and has accumulated honors and awards that are too numerous to name.

To honor Dr. Roueche, AACC has pledged its support for the AACC John E. Roueche Future Leaders Institute and the John E. Roueche Leadership Legacy Fund. The Legacy Fund will provide financial support to emerging leaders who have been accepted to participate in the Future Leaders Institute but lack the financial resources to do so.

The AACC John E. Roueche Future Leaders Institute (Roueche-FLI) is an innovative 5-day leadership seminar designed for mid-level community college administrators who are ready to move into a higher level of leadership. These individuals are currently in a position that is responsible for multiple employees, including faculty, administrators and/or staff and probably have titles such as dean, associate dean, chair, director, or program coordinator.

The Award

The $500 award will be applied toward the Roueche-FLI registration fee. (Member registration rate – $1800; non-member registration rate – $2100.) The registration fee includes breakfast (Monday-Friday), institute materials, and an individual leadership assessment.

To be eligible for the AACC John E. Roueche Future Leaders Institute Award an applicant must:

- Apply and receive acceptance to the AACC John E. Roueche Future Leaders Institute (application information can be found here: http://www.aacc.nche.edu/newsevents/Events/leadershipsuite/Pages/FutureLeadersInstitute.aspx).
- Present evidence of financial need. Applicants must provide a personal statement describing the financial status of their institution and explaining how this award would make a difference in whether they can participate, if accepted. The personal statement should include specific language/examples demonstrating financial need and should be signed by the chief financial officer or a leader at the vice president level for the college.
- Not have previously received an AACC John E. Roueche Future Leaders Institute Award to attend a Roueche-FLI.

To apply for the award, submit an email to aaccleadership@aacc.nche.edu including your name, contact information (title, institution, email address, telephone number), estimated budget for participating in the program, and personal statement of financial need. The deadline to apply for the June 2013 Institute is June 3, 2013. If you are selected to receive an award, you will be notified via email on or around June 5, 2013, and the award will be applied directly to your AACC account.

The award is non-transferable and can only apply to the Institute for which you are accepted. If an applicant is selected to receive an award and is unable to attend the Institute for which he/she applied, award funds cannot be carried over for future institutes.

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