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Lee Stewart Memorial Scholarship for Midwives and Doulas in CARE International Training Intensives



Lee Stewart
12/25/37- 12/10/16

BACKGROUND INFO ON LEE STEWART

by **Dr. David Stewart and Dr. Edward Close**

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Lee was President of the local Parent-Teachers' Organization (PTO) in 1981 when, against opposition from local teachers and school officials, she courageously took her children out of public school and home-schooled them. Ultimately, over the next several years, she taught all grades--K thru 12--after which three of her children applied for, and successfully received, scholarships to College. She was the first parent to home school in Bollinger County, Missouri, and started a movement wherein many other mothers were encouraged to do likewise, both locally and in other States, as well.

Lee had all five of our healthy children at home, where no doctor or midwife was available. She was diligently self-educated and gave birth five times in her own bedroom (attended by her husband), starting with Jonathan Stewart in 1963--long before homebirth became a national movement. In 1983 she was invited to be the featured speaker at an International Midwifery Conference in London, England, to talk about natural childbirth, midwifery, and having babies at home in the presence of their older siblings. Most recently, in March of 2016, she was invited, and flown out, to a Conference in Southern California to be recognized as a leading pioneer who had initiated the international homebirth movement in the 1960's and '70's. In presenting Lee's award, Carla Hartley, Founder and Head of a California Midwifery School, commented: "If you have been born at home, or have given birth at home with a midwife, during the last 30 or 40 years, you can thank Lee Stewart, who is the principle one who started it all."

Lee has published a number of articles on pregnancy and parenting, and has co-authored several books on childbirth, two of which won the "BOOK OF THE YEAR" from the American Journal of Nursing (in 1976 & 1978). Several of these books are still available at www.carepublications.net, including her co-authored best-selling book, "Safe Alternatives in Childbirth," that has been in print since 1976, and has been translated into Swedish.

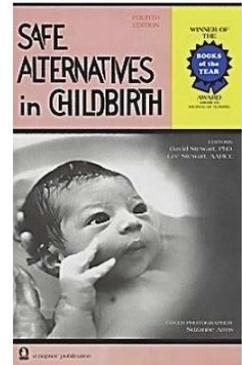
SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Scholarships are awarded based upon the potential for lasting contribution to the Center for Aromatherapy Research & Education (CARE) International and Natural Origins Training and Education (NOTE) Research Group organizations, career goals, and financial need. Please see the cover letter from Chairman Shawn Peterson for further information.

The Board considers a broad range of recipients including graduating high school seniors entering college for the first time, continuing university students, community college students, trade school students, and those reentering the workforce or advancing their professional goals. The amount and number of scholarships awarded varies each year according to the amount of donations received. Scholarships are for the purpose of attending a CARE Training Intensive, the package price of which is currently \$700. Scholarship awards are offered in the amount of \$350 (partial) and \$700 (full) and are available in an ongoing basis throughout the year.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIRES:

- Current career path of either doula or midwife
- Applicants must purchase and review the book *Safe Alternatives in Childbirth* by Dr. David and Mrs. Lee Stewart, for whom this scholarship is named, and submit a summary statement (300 words minimum) about the book to NOTE Research Group in order to release the scholarship.
 - NOTE: THE \$12.95 BOOK CAN BE FOUND IN THE CARE BOOKSTORE at RaindropTraining.com
- Completion of an official application, including statements of:
 - Organizational involvement/intention
 - Financial need
 - An autobiography/personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation:
 - one from a CARE or Young Living Essential Oils community member
 - one from a teacher or faculty member at your midwifery or doula training institution
- Following the CARE Intensive Training, submission of:
 - A 300-word summary statement on how the training has affected/will affect applicant's career.



APPLICATION DEADLINES

All application materials must be received by NOTE Research Group no later than one week prior to the CARE Training Intensive the applicant wishes to attend in order to qualify for that CARE Intensive Training event.

Mail hardcopies to:

NOTE Scholarship
772 N. Church St.
Austin, IN 47102

Email to Admin@NOTEResearchGroup.org with alternative email RaindropClasses@gmail.com

Applicants will be notified of scholarship decisions via email and awards will be granted to the CARE Instructor chosen by the applicant. Please use the above email address or contact Shawn Peterson at (812) 216-8450 with questions.