

List of Awards for William A. Lester, Jr.

V. A. Adams Scholarship Award, University of Chicago, 1953–1958
 Alumni-Dean's Award, University of Chicago, 1955
 Amos Alonzo Stagg Medal, University of Chicago, 1957
 "Man of the Year," University of Chicago, 1957
 IBM Corporation Outstanding Contribution Award, 1974
 The Percy L. Julian Award in Pure or Applied Research, National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers, 1979
 Alumni Achievement Award in Science, The Catholic University of America, 1983
 Fellow, American Physical Society, 1984
 Outstanding Teacher Award, National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers, 1986
 Professional Achievement Award, Northern California Council of Black Professional Engineers, 1989
 Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1991
 Fellow, California Academy of Sciences, 1994
 Visiting Professor, Centro del C. N. R. per lo Studio delle Relazioni tra Struttura e Reattività, Dipartimento de Chimica e Fisica dell'universita Statale di Milano, August-September, 1995
 Visiting Professor, Laboratoire de Chimie Theorique, Universite Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France, April, 1996
 Outstanding Service Award, National Science Foundation, 1996
 Member, President's Committee on the National Medal of Science, September, 2000–2002
 Member, Department of Energy Advisory Committee on Advanced Scientific Computing, 2000–2004
 Selected for Allstate calendar, "From Whence We Came, Pathfinders of the Future", April subject for 2004
 Member, National Research Council Board on Chemical Science and Technology, 2004–2006
 Selected ScienceMaker, *The HistoryMakers*, National African American Video Oral History Archive, 2004
 Inducted into the University of Chicago's Athletics Hall of Fame, 2004
 2004 INCITE (Innovative and Novel Computational Impact on Theory and Experiment) award winner for proposal entitled, "Quantum Monte Carlo Study of Photoprotection via Carotenoids in Photosynthetic Centers"—one of three awards of one million or more hours of IBM SP computer time in the first national competition sponsored by the Department of Energy
 Visiting Professor, Department of Physics, University of Trento, March–April 2005
 Chancellor's Award (UCB) for Advancing Institutional Excellence, April 2006
 Elected member, International Academy of Quantum Molecular Science, May 2006

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American Men and Women of Science, 14th and succeeding editions, Jacques Cattell Press, Tempe, Arizona
Living Legends in Black, Bailey Publishing Co., Detroit, Michigan, 1976
Who's Who in the West, 16th and succeeding editions, Marquis Who's Who, Inc. *Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans*, 1979–1980 and succeeding editions, American Biographical Institute, Raleigh, North Carolina
Directory of Distinguished Americans, American Biographical Institute, Raleigh, North Carolina
Distinguished African American Scientists of the 20th Century, James H. Kessler, J. S. Kidd, Renee A. Kidd, and Katharine A. Morin, Oryx Press, Phoenix, 1996, p 228
Who's Who in Technology, Gale Research Inc., Detroit, Michigan
Who's Who in Technology Today, 2nd and succeeding editions, Technology Recognition Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Who's Who in Society, 1988 edition
Who's Who in Frontier Science and Technology, 2nd and succeeding editions, Marquis Who's Who, Inc.
Who's Who, 1988 edition, American Publishing
Who's Who in American Education, 1991 and succeeding editions, The National Reference Institute, Wilmette, Illinois
Who's Who Among Black Americans, 1980 and succeeding editions, Lake Forest, Illinois
Who's Who in Science and Engineering, first (1992) and succeeding editions, Marquis Who's Who, Inc.
Who's Who in America, 42nd and succeeding editions, Marquis Who's Who, Inc.
Who's Who in the World, 2006 and succeeding edition, Marquis Who's Who, Inc.