

Affiliate Councils' Outstanding Student Research Paper Award Deadline is April 15, 2010

NCFR affiliate councils are strongly encouraged to submit student research papers to be considered for the Affiliate Councils' Outstanding Student Research Paper Award. There are two awards, one for a graduate student paper and one for an undergraduate student paper. Graduate students must be members of NCFR and will be granted a poster session to present their paper at this year's NCFR conference in Minneapolis. The graduate student paper winner will receive \$500 and the undergraduate student paper winner will receive \$100. The graduate winner will also receive \$1000 for travel expenses.

All papers submitted will be judged on the following criteria:

- Uniqueness of research question (topic must be relevant to families)
- The degree to which findings contribute to the field
- Clarity of writing
- Good application of family theory
- Comprehensive literature review, building upon previous work
- Sound (empirical or meta-analytical) research methodology
- Application for practitioners and/or promotion of further research

Papers must be in APA format (double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, 1-inch margins throughout), must be no longer than 30 typed pages including references, tables, and figures, and must include an abstract of no more than 120 words. Students submitting papers must be the sole or first author of the work. Papers already published or presented at a national conference are not eligible. Papers currently under review for publication will be accepted. Dissertation or thesis projects are acceptable if manuscripts have been condensed to 30 pages or less.

To apply, email one electronic copy (.doc Word attachment) of the paper to Amanda Williams at amanda.williams10@okstate.edu by April 15, 2010. The submission also must include a cover letter containing the student's name, address, phone number, and email address as well as the student's academic standing (undergraduate or graduate level), university attended, and sponsoring state council affiliation. Authors' names should only appear in the cover letter to ensure an anonymous review process. Letters of support are not required or accepted.

It is required that submissions come from NCFR affiliate councils. Affiliate councils should choose one graduate paper and one undergraduate paper for submission. Students without a local affiliate are not eligible for this award. Students interested in establishing a local affiliate should visit www.ncfr.org for instructions.