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ADARA offers two writing awards for students—The Martin Seligman Student Research in Psychology and Deafness Award and Boyce R Williams Student Writing Award. Each award is for $500 and may be given to one winner or divided among multiple winners.

The Martin Seligman Student Research in Psychology and Deafness Award is given to a student who has conducted exemplary research in the field of psychology and deafness and has committed to presenting at the ADARA conference and publishing the research in JADARA. The student will be recognized during the conference and will receive the monetary award upon submitting the article for JADARA publication.

This award is concerned with research first and writing second, and is strictly limited to psychology students. Generally, applicants are graduate students but undergraduates are welcome to submit if they meet the requirements.

The Boyce R Williams Student Writing Award recognizes and rewards exemplary student writing in human services, and is given to persons who are Deaf, Deafened, and/or Hard of Hearing. This award focuses on the student’s writing ability rather than research. Open to students in any human services discipline, works are eligible whether been previously published or not; however, ADARA will publish the article in JADARA if it is not previously published.

To apply for either award, applicants should electronically submit the work, a letter of faculty recommendation and a letter of application. The letter of application must address:

- When and where the work was done
- The applicant’s academic status at the time the work was done
- Names of faculty sponsors of the work;
- An abstract, no longer than one page, about the work

For the Seligman award, a copy of obtained approval from the college or university’s Institutional Review Board (IRB) must be included in the packet. Letters of support/recommendation by faculty should also be provided electronically.

Submissions will be reviewed by a panel of distinguished faculty representing various universities around the country and clinical disciplines. All decisions are final.

For consideration, please submit by March 1, 2015 to adaraexdir@aol.com. If you have questions, contact ADARA Executive Director Steve Larew at the above email.