

**SECFR 2018 Annual Conference Student Awards**  
**ANNOUNCING: Five Exciting Awards for Student Members of SECFR!**

- Undergraduate Outstanding Poster Award**  
**Graduate Outstanding Poster Award**  
**Undergraduate Outstanding Paper Presentation Award**  
**Graduate Outstanding Paper Presentation Award**  
**Student Writing Award**

**OUTSTANDING POSTER and PAPER PRESENTATION AWARDS**

Student posters and presentations at the annual conference will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Clarity in presentation of information
- Strong rationale for the research/project
- Rigorous and appropriate methodology
- Implications for the discipline
- Visual representation of poster or PowerPoint
- Ability to answer questions about the study

If you are interested in having your poster or presentation be considered for the awards discussed above, please notify a Board Member at the Registration desk when you check in for the SECFR Annual Conference. SECFR Board Members will visit each student's poster and attend each presentation for those who want to be considered for an award. Board Members will critique posters and presentations using the provided criteria. Students with the highest accumulated points will receive the awards during the final session of the conference. Decisions of the Board are final and cannot be appealed. All award winners will receive a monetary prize.

**STUDENT WRITING AWARD**

Student Paper Submission Deadline is **January 16, 2018.**

The winner of this year's SECFR Student Writing Award:

- will receive monetary compensation
- will receive an invitation to present their research during the 2018 SECFR Conference
- will receive recognition at the SECFR Conference (*attendance required*)

[Student Paper Information & Guidelines](#)

- Papers addressing the conference theme of *Families of Tomorrow: The Intersection of Theory and Practice* are encouraged, however all papers on family-related topics (that meet the following guidelines) are welcome.
- Papers are to be submitted through the Digital Commons system discussed in the Call for Proposals document. There will be a box to check if you are submitting a paper and there will be a way to upload your paper into the system.
- Each submitted paper must include an abstract with a length of 120 words or less.
- Each submitted paper must be in APA format: Double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, 1-inch margins throughout.
- Each submitted paper 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 original work.
- Any authors' names and/or any easily-identifiable author information should be removed or redacted from the student paper submission.
- Papers already published or presented at a national or regional 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.
- All papers submitted will be evaluated on the following criteria:
  - Appropriate and accurate American Psychological Association (APA) format
  - Uniqueness of research questions (topic must be relevant to families)
  - Degree to which finding(s) contribute to the field
  - Clarity of writing
  - Good application of family theory
  - Comprehensive literature review that builds on previous work and indicates a scholarly foundation
  - Research methods are clearly described, sound, and appropriate for topic (sample, procedure, analysis, etc.)
  - Results/findings are clearly described
  - Conclusions are consistent with results and clearly discussed
  - Implications for practitioners and/or researchers are clearly presented and findings contribute to the field

### **TERMS OF SUBMISSION**

- The Deadline for receiving papers is ***11:59 pm ET January 16, 2018.***
- The student paper should have NO AUTHOR NAMES or **EASILY-IDENTIFIABLE AUTHOR INFORMATION** to ensure an impartial anonymous review process.
- **Student Writing Award Winners must register for and attend the SECFR 2018 Annual Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.**
- Decision of the Selection Committee are final and cannot be appealed.