

ALKIRE RESEARCH AWARD FOR UNDERGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS

Edward M. Alkire graduated from Ohio State University having earned both a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree. He has generously given money to the University to help students majoring in psychology who are conducting research emphasizing mental health issues (see description below in General Guidelines).

GENERAL GUIDELINES: The \$2,900 award is given on the basis of scholastic achievement, completed and/or intended research achievement, and the submission of a research statement emphasizing issues relating to mental health. Please note that you do not have to be working with a faculty member in the clinical area but merely need to be involved in research that relates to mental health. Many topics involve quite basic research, but can have very important implications for mental health (e.g. mechanisms of therapeutic drugs, decision-making and social deviance, personality variables predicting body image, behavioral intentions on quitting smoking, drugs and hormones, animal models of neuropsychiatric disorders). The award is paid toward university fees over two consecutive semesters with up to a maximum of \$1,450 paid each semester. Awards resulting in funds in excess of university fees will be distributed according to rules set forth by the Financial Aid Office at The Ohio State University. Disbursement of funds is contingent upon a report of satisfactory research progress from your project advisor on or before December 1st. **If you propose to receive the scholarship award in semesters other than autumn and spring, you must include a written request and rationale to that effect with this application.** You must be enrolled full-time during the terms for which you are receiving funding.

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY: To be considered for this research scholarship, a student must:

1. Be a junior or senior psychology major
2. Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher
3. Have involvement (or planned involvement) in a research project in the Psychology Department fitting the General Guidelines above (priority is given to students completing a Thesis in the department)
4. Be enrolled full-time in any term you receive funds

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Please submit all of the following by March 1st to:

Psychology Department Scholarship Committee
015 Psychology Building
1835 Neil Avenue
Columbus, OH 43210

1. Attached application
2. A maximum 2000-word Research Statement describing completed and/or intended research experiences (double spaced). Be sure to indicate how your research relates to mental health issues (see General Guidelines).
3. Advising Report (at <http://buckeyelink.osu.edu/> under Enrollment & Academic History)
4. Resume
5. Two letters of recommendation. Both must be from Psychology faculty members with one coming from the person who has/will work with you in your research.

Selection of the award recipient will be made by April 1st.

ALKIRE RESEARCH AWARD APPLICATION

DEADLINE: March 1st

(THIS APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED)

1. Name	
2. OSU Name.#	
3. Local address	
4. Local Phone	
5. Permanent Address	
6. Cumulative GPA	
7. Total credit hours	
8. Other universities attended	
9. Who will advise your research project?	
10. Which semesters do you propose to receive funding, if awarded?	

Signature_____ Date_____

ALKIRE RESEARCH AWARD RECOMMENDATION

DEADLINE: March 1st

Name of student _____

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), enrolled students have access to educational records concerning them. Students are also permitted to waive their rights of access to recommendations.

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____ I DO NOT WAIVE my right to inspect the contents of the following recommendation.

Name of person writing recommendation _____

The student listed above is competing for the Alkire Research Award in psychology. The purpose of this award is to encourage outstanding juniors or seniors majoring in psychology to be involved in research in psychology that broadly relates to mental health issues. The \$2,900 scholarship is paid toward university fees in installments of \$1,450 per semester.

Please discuss how you know the candidate, and describe any characteristics that you think would help the scholarship committee assess the candidate's academic and personal qualities. Thank you.

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