Three $500 awards are currently being offered by the Alumni Association. The following awards are designed to support excellence in student research and are awarded on the basis of merit.

**Thesis Award for Students of Color**

This award will be presented for the most outstanding thesis proposal submitted by a student of color. The award was established to support the pursuit of academic excellence by students of color, and as a commitment to the retention of students of color.

**Thesis Research Award**

This award was established to underscore the Association's interest in documenting the historical experience of students of color at the Smith College School for Social Work. All students are encouraged to apply. The award will be presented to the student whose thesis proposal best explores the history of alumni/students of color at the School. Proposal foci can include but are not limited to: alumni of color as a whole; specific groups of alumni of color; alumni of color by graduation year; the formal and informal organization of alumni/students of color; individual contributions of alumni of color (including oral histories); etc. For example, a thesis title may be, “A Comparative Analysis of Theoretical Orientation of Alumni of Color from 1970-1980” or “Community-Based Practice vs. Private Practice among Alumni of Color: Meeting the Needs of African American Families.”

**Alumni Association Thesis Award**

This award was established to support outstanding student research on *at-risk* populations.

The application deadline (POSTMARKED) is March 31, 2016.

Materials should be mailed to:

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