

The W. Frank Steely Library Research Award

The W. Frank Steely Library Research Award, offered in conjunction with the annual Northern Kentucky University Celebration of Student Research and Creativity, is presented to the NKU student who makes the most effective use of Steely Library resources, services, and personnel, as part of the research component of the Celebration project.

The Purpose

The Steely Library Research Award reinforces the role of the academic library in providing instruction for and access to legitimate, quality research resources as part of the academic research process.

The Award

The selected student will receive a personalized commemorative plaque, a nameplate added to the research award Roll of Honor located on the first floor of Steely Library, and a prize in the amount of \$500.

Student Eligibility

All current Celebration of Student Research and Creativity students whose projects have significant research components are eligible to apply.

Selection Criteria

Applicants will submit a narrative of their research process, explaining how library resources were used for the project and specifying which Steely Library services (Research Consultations, web tutorials, SourceFinder, etc.) and resources (Research Guides, databases, indexes, etc.) were used within this process.

Applicants will be judged in accordance with the Association of College and Research Libraries' [Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education](#). As found on the Steely Library website, these criteria include demonstrating the ability to:

- Determine information needs to [start research](#)
- Effectively [find information](#)
- [Evaluate information](#) for relevance
- [Synthesize information](#)
- [Ethically use information](#)

The Process

- Applicants will submit the W. Frank Steely Library Research Award Application Form, the written narrative as described in the instructions, along with the final completed project, in Microsoft® Word format
- The entries will be judged by a committee of NKU faculty
- The selected student will be announced during Celebration festivities
- A commemorative plaque and \$500 prize will be awarded to the student as part of the NKU spring commencement ceremonies
- A plate bearing the student's name will added to the Roll of Honor plaque located on the first floor of Steely Library

Application Deadline: March 23, 2015

See below for Instructions and Application Form

The W. Frank Steely Library Research Award Instructions

Write a narrative detailing and evaluating the role of Steely Library, its services and resources, as you used them in the course of your project.

Examples of Services

[myLIBRARIAN](#)

[Research Consultations](#)

[Web Tutorials](#)

[SourceFinder](#)

Examples of Resources

[Research Guides](#)

[Databases/Indexes](#)

[Library Faculty/Staff](#)

Your narrative should be no more than 5 typed/double-spaced pages; 12 pt. Times New Roman font; 1-inch margins.

Submit printed and signed Application Form, and, in Microsoft Word (as appropriate), email the narrative and completed project to:

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The W. Frank Steely Library Research Award Application Form

Name _____

Title of Celebration of Student Research and Creativity project _____

Faculty Sponsor: _____

Student Address _____

Student email Address _____

Student telephone number(s) _____

In the event of my winning this competition, I, the undersigned, grant permission to Steely Library/Northern Kentucky University for the use of my name, likeness, project title/description, and written narrative, in future displays and publications of physical or electronic nature. I further agree to submit my entry for inclusion in Steely Library's department of Archives and Special Collections.

Please print out form and sign.

Signature _____ Date _____

All submitted materials become property of the
W. Frank Steely Library and cannot be returned.