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The award is for the most outstanding essay or other piece of work on a topic of interest to library and information services and consists of a medallion and a year's membership of the Association. Students are invited to submit entries for this award.

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- be written in a form or style appropriate for publishing in an ALIA journal or as an ALIA Press publication;
- indicate competence in the analysis, evaluation or synthesis of data, information or previously published material;
- include a declaration stating that the entry is the student's own work.

Entries close on 15 December and should be sent to:  
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