# HOWARD A. DAWSON BEST RESEARCH PAPER AWARD

The NREA will present the Howard A. Dawson Best Research Paper Award in conjunction with the Annual NREA Research Symposium. The award will be presented to the author of the paper that is judged to be the best research paper submitted for the Research Symposium. An author may receive the Howard A. Dawson Best Research Paper Award no more than one time in a five-year period.

The Howard A. Dawson Best Research Paper Award will be presented at the Research Symposium and the author will be invited to present the Best Research Paper during the Research Symposium.

The recipient of the award shall receive a $500 honorarium and a recognition plaque.

Research topics that may be considered for the Best Research Paper Award:

- Research on curriculum development that leads to improving equitable educational opportunities for rural children and youth.
- Research that enhances the development of rural communities.
- Research that leads to more efficient and effective educational delivery systems to rural school students.
- Research that improves communications within, between, and among rural school district.
- Research that facilitates sharing ideas among rural school districts.
- Research that identifies educational services to the youth in rural school districts that were not previously available in rural school districts.
- Research that provides technical support for improving educational practices in rural school districts.
- Research that addresses leadership practices at the local, state, and/or national levels.
- Research that addresses funding for rural school districts.
- Research that addresses equitable and adequate funding for rural school districts.

The recipient of the Best Research Paper Award will receive one complimentary registration to the NREA Convention to receive the award.