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Darwin emphasized the struggle for existence as the ground work for natural selection. He believed that the struggle for existence is good since it leads to animals' evolution well prepared to adapt to a new environment by selectively changing the genetic composition (Johnson, 2020). The paper will discuss Darwin's concept of the struggle for existence in regard to the Darwin Awards recipients.

The Darwin Awards honors Darwin's ideas on natural selection because those who have participated in extreme activities have survived or died in the process. In a recent Darwin Awards winner, Michael, a 57-year-old man, and his friend searched for a treasure allegedly buried by an author named Forrest Fenn. In the book, the author left clues about where he buried the treasure at the Dinosaur National Monument (Northcutt, 2020). Michael failed at his first attempt and had to be rescued. On the second attempt, he was found dead days later at the same spot they were previously saved, and his friend narrowly survived. In this case, if Michael had survived through this ordeal, then his body would have adapted to the extreme environment he was exposed to, such as extreme cold (CBC Radio, 2020). Initially, he was only exposed to a specific environment where the weather was favorable, hence his determination to tread on a dangerous journey.

In summation, having discussed Darwin's concept of the struggle for existence in regard to the Darwin Awards recipients, Darwin's struggle for existence in today's world can be depicted by the constant efforts human beings make to survive. Human beings compete with each other and engage in extreme activities to feel and become stronger (Russell et al., 2019).

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