

# DISCLAIMER!

These Rules were published for the 2012 MSRT Annual Conference. You are welcome to use this document as a guide. Please check for updates in November 2012 as there may be changes to these Rules for the 2013 Annual Conference!

## ESSAY/SCIENTIFIC PAPER Competition Rules

### I. AWARDS

First, second, third place, and honorable mention awards will be offered in both graduate and student technologists categories. Awards will be made at the discretion of the judges.

### II. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Graduate technologist category: Only members of the Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists (MSRT) are eligible to compete. Student members may be designated as co-authors if they have made a significant but secondary contribution to the work.
- B. Student technologist category: Only student members of the MSRT are eligible to compete. The paper must be the sole work of the student member(s).
- C. Essays submitted for competition at any other state and/or national radiological or technologist meeting or which have been accepted for publication prior to the MSRT conference are not eligible.
- D. Entries must be original manuscripts by the author(s).
- E. The president of the MSRT, the essay/scientific paper chairman, and the judges are not eligible to compete.
- F. Author(s) may only submit one essay per annual competition.

### III. RULES FOR PRESENTATION OF AN ESSAY

- A. Subject Matter
  - 1. Subject matter will be chosen by the author(s).
  - 2. The subject matter must be pertinent to the science and/or practice of radiologic technology. For this purpose the term radiologic technology shall include all those modalities employed in the field of radiology for the diagnosis and/or treatment of disease.
  - 3. Subject matter should be of educational and/or practical value to other technologists.
- B. Mechanics
  - 1. All manuscripts must be emailed to Essay Chairman before midnight on the deadline. All applicants must be a current member of the MSRT. Membership status will be verified by Chairman upon receipt.
  - 2. **Two (2) copies of the essay must be submitted/attached to the email.**
    - A. The first copy will include the following:
      - a. Author's Name and credentials, if applicable
      - b. Technologist/Student classification
      - c. School/Place of Employment
      - d. Title of Essay
      - e. Essay
    - B. A second copy for judging purposes will be free of all personal identification. Include only the following information:

- f. Title of Essay
  - g. Essay
3. Essays must be double-spaced, 12pt font, Times New Roman.
  4. Essays should be at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) words in length.
  5. Essays must include a reference page. References and quotes must be cited. **Failure to cite references and/or to include a reference page will be construed as plagiarism, and will immediately disqualify the paper.**
  6. Essays must be submitted in a specific format, either pdf, Microsoft Word, or Rich-text. Other word processing formats are not permitted.
  7. When used, illustrations must be incorporated into the text. They must be properly numbered and labeled to correspond with information in the text. The illustrations used must not show any images or marking which could identify the author(s), patients, or institution in any way.

**IV. JUDGING AND AWARDING OF PRIZES**

- A. A confirmation email will be sent to the applicant by the Essay Chairman upon receipt\*.
- B. Three judges will be selected by the essay/scientific paper chairman with the approval of the president of the MSRT.
- C. Any manuscript that does not meet the stated criteria will be ineligible and will be disqualified. The essay chair will notify the author, of the reason for the disqualification. Any protests regarding eligibility and/or rule violations must be lodged with the essay/scientific chairman, in writing, prior to the conference. The essay chair will consult with the MSRT President in determining a resolution. No protests will be heard after the conference begins.
- D. Awards shall be made only to those essays receiving a minimum score of seventy (70) on a scale of one hundred (100) points from the average of the judges' scores.
- E. Any contestant who challenges the results of the competition must do so, in writing, to the essay chairman within one week of the announcement of the winners. The essay chair will make all judging score sheets available to the MSRT President to review. The President and the Executive Committee will decide what, if any, action needs to be taken. Essay contestants will NOT have access to the judge's scoring sheets. The Committee's decision will be final.
- F. By submitting an essay, applicants give the MSRT consent to publish essays, in whole or in part in the MSRT Radiographer, MSRT Website or as an ECE reading for the MSRT membership.
- G. Awards shall be announced to the membership during the Annual Conference, and prizes awarded at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- H. Prize amounts will be decided on a yearly basis by the MSRT Board of Directors.

**V. JUDGING CRITERIA**

	POINT VALUE
1. EDUCATIONAL VALUE	0 – 40
a. Contribution to higher standards.	
b. Illustration of new or unusual technology or practice.	
c. Treatment of current technology or practice so as to be better understood. D.	

- Treatment of current technology or practice from a historical perspective. E. Value to technologist with little experience or limited facilities.
2. ORIGINALITY 0 – 20
    - a. Development of a new technique or idea.
    - b. Improvement of existing methods or practices. C. Evidence of original investigative effort.
    - d. Originality of essay concept.
  3. PRACTICAL VALUE 0 – 20
    - a. How well can the information illustrated by used by most technologists to which the paper applies.
    - b. Ease of application under current state-of-the-art.
    - c. Will the essay improve practice or standards as it is applied?
  4. TECHNICAL QUALITY AND PRESENTATION 0 – 20
    - a. Organization: Is material orderly and place in logical sequence?
    - b. Visual Material: Do visual materials effectively promote understanding of the paper?
    - c. Text: Is the text neat, clear, easy to read and free from error?
    - d. References: If applicable, are quotes, research results and all references properly acknowledged?
    - e. Style: Is the writing style used appropriate to the content of the essay and consistent throughout?

#### VI. DEADLINE

All essays must be emailed to Essay Chairman no later than midnight (11:59pm) on **February 14\*\***. Essays emailed after this date will be disqualified and returned to the sender. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!

#### VII. DISCLAIMER

By submitting an essay, applicant attests that all information is true and accurate and that aforementioned eligibility, rules, and criteria have been satisfactorily met.

#### VIII. SUBMISSION INFORMATION

**February 14 (11:59pm)**

MSRT Essay Email Address:

[essay@mosrt.org](mailto:essay@mosrt.org)

**\*Applicants should receive an acknowledgement email from the essay committee verifying materials have been received. If no acknowledgement is received, then applicant should try contacting the committee chairman to determine the status of their submission by going to the MSRT website, [www.mosrt.org](http://www.mosrt.org).**

*\*\*Remember that spam filters and firewalls can keep emails from going through. Submitting well in advance of the February 14 deadline will ensure that if there is a problem with submission, ample time will be available to remedy the situation. Submitting at the last minute may put you at risk for disqualification.*