

# 2009 Scientific Essay Rules



## COMPETITION

Contest is open to all active members of M.S.R.T. who will be competing in one of two categories of Scientific Essays: Registered Technologist or Student. A person is eligible as a student technologist if his/her program director certifies that this candidate's first possible date to write A.R.R.T. registry exam, has not lapsed. Your M.S.R.T. membership status, at time of application, will determine under which category your essay will be judged. All participants, either in student or technologist category, must be a member of the M.S.R.T. at time of application deadline. Essay Committee chairperson, co-chair, essay judges, and persons employed by firms which manufacture or vend radiology products are not eligible.

## JUDGING

Scientific essays will be judged based on the following criteria:\*

1. Originality: 0-20 points possible.  
Essay must be an original work by the author and an original approach to the topic discussed.
2. Educational or Technical Value: 0-30 points possible.  
Essay should contribute to higher radiological standards by updating, expanding, or enhancing existing knowledge.
3. Scholarship: 0-30 points possible.
  - A. Mastery of subject matter.
  - B. Research of literature.
  - C. Adequate references and bibliography appropriate to the topic and length of paper.
4. Organization of the material: 0-10 points possible.
  - A. Material orderly and well presented.
  - B. Visual material supporting and promoting understanding.
5. Mechanics: 0-10 points possible.  
Grammar, spelling, punctuation, neatness, etc...

\*Please note: The M.S.R.T. Board of Directors has placed minimum standards upon the awards for both the exhibit and essay contests at the annual meeting in September. Those exhibits or essays that do not attain a minimum of points on the grading scale, as published, will not be eligible for an award. This year the point total must be 60 or better, out of a total possible 100, to be eligible for an award.



## ESSAY LAYOUT

Essays should be no less than **six** (6), and no more than **fifteen** (15) pages in length, typewritten, double-spaced. If printed on paper, use only one side please, on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper with wide margins and acceptable manuscript style.

All papers should include a title page, reference page and proper in text citation.

A total of four (4) copies (one original copy of essay and three copies) must be submitted. The three copies must have a cover sheet/title page, giving **only** the title of the essay, and must not contain any clues as to the identity of the author. If illustrations are included, three copies of these will also be required.

Essays may also be submitted on CD or e-mailed. For CD entries the same number of copies will be required. Only one copy should have author information on title page and the three (3) CD copies should **exclude** author information. CD's and electronic submissions should be in Word format. E-mailed documents will be copied for or forwarded to the judges by the essay chairperson.

***NOTICE: Anyone may submit more than one essay, but you are only eligible to win one prize using the highest score.***

***NOTICE: The MSRT assumes no liability for loss or damage of materials received.***

## ILLUSTRATIONS

Illustrations must be copies of black and white glossy prints, slides, or drawings, if submitted in type written form. These must be inserted in your essay with proper reference documentation. Copies of illustrations must be submitted at same time as your essay.

## AWARDS

First, second and third place essay winners in both categories will be announced at the MSRT Annual Meeting held in September. Winners need not be present to win. All winning papers may be printed in Technically Speaking at the discretion of the editor.

First Place: \$250.00 and a one {1} year membership to MSRT

Second Place: \$125.00

Third Place: \$ 75.00

## DEADLINE

Applications and essays must be postmarked or received, no later than, midnight, Saturday, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_2009.



## 2009 SCIENTIFIC ESSAY APPLICATION

Applications and essays must postmarked/received by midnight, August 15, 2009. All Applicants must be current M.S.R.T. members. Please forward a copy of membership card.

Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Essay Title: \_\_\_\_\_

To which category are you submitting an essay?     Student     Technologist

Students, please indicate name of school attending:

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Essay Subject Category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Radiology                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear Medicine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radiation Therapy             | <input type="checkbox"/> C.T.             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mammography                   | <input type="checkbox"/> M.R.I.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiovascular/Interventional | <input type="checkbox"/> Sonography       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state) _____    |   |

Mail completed form, essay, and copies to:

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