



# Annual Student Scientific Essay Rules

## COMPETITION

Contest is open to all active student members of M.S.R.T. A person is eligible if his/her program director can certify that this candidate's first possible date to write A.R.R.T. registry exam, has not lapsed. All participants must be a member of the M.S.R.T. at time of application deadline and be able to show proof of membership by *including a copy of the membership card with the application*. All entrants *must be registered for at least one (1) full day of the annual meeting to be eligible for a prize*.

*Students may not submit an entry with the same topic content to both the display and the essay competition. Submitting an entry to both competitions with the same content will result in disqualification of both submissions.*

## DEADLINE

Applications and essays must be received, no later than, midnight, July 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

## ESSAY LAYOUT

**Essays should be no less than six (6), and no more than fifteen (15) pages in length and double-spaced. All papers should include a title page, reference page and proper in text citation, using APA or MLA format.**

\*\*Some useful websites for APA and MLA formatting are:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

<http://citationmachine.net/>

<http://www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite/>

The essay must have a cover sheet/title page, giving only the title of the essay. If illustrations are included, they must be properly cited using APA or MLA format. No clue as to an author's identity shall be found within the body of the paper, only the essay chairperson will know the author's identity.

Essays should be submitted by e-mail in a document or Word format. These essays will be forwarded to the judges (without the author's identity) after the deadline has passed.

Any file that is unable to be opened by the essay chairperson or missing documents will be disqualified once the deadline has passed. All attempts to notify the author of any failures will be made by the chairperson in a timely manner and alternate methods of submission will be handled on an as needed basis.

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

## **ILLUSTRATIONS**

Illustrations can be inserted in your essay with proper reference documentation on the works cited/reference page.

## **AWARDS**

First, second and third place essay winners will be announced at the MSRT Annual Meeting held every 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

## **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...



## Annual Student Scientific Essay Application

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay Subject Category: Please specify essay subject from the list below:**

Radiology

Nuclear Medicine

Radiation Therapy

C.T.

Mammography Cardiovascular/

M.R.I.

Interventional

Sonography/Ultrasound

**Any questions should be directed to the address below.**

**E-Mail completed form, membership card and essay to:**

Ed Burns at [edwardburnsjr@gmail.com](mailto:edwardburnsjr@gmail.com) or

Melissa Hibbert at [stefanskimelissa@gmail.com](mailto:stefanskimelissa@gmail.com)