

Essay Information

I. AWARDS

- A. Registered Technologist Competition: First, Second and Third.
- B. Student Technologist Competition: First, Second and Third. (First place Student Technologist receives the Clara Sanger Award)

II. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Members of the NDSRT are eligible to enter competition except as excluded in II.
- B. NDSRT elected officers; convention chairpersons and essay judges are not eligible to compete.

III. JUDGING

- A. Judging of the essays shall be the responsibility of three judges who are appointed each year by the Convention Advisor according to "Guidelines Established for the Selection of Judges for NDSRT Scientific Display and Essay Competition".
- B. All Decisions of the judges shall be final.
- C. Manuscripts not achieving 75 points on the evaluation scale will not be considered for an award.
- D. Authors submitting a manuscript shall do so with the understanding that if it is accepted for the scientific program at the annual meeting, the author will be present to read the paper at their own expense.
- E. Winning or competing essays cannot be published in other than on the NDSRT Web Site without written consent of the NDSRT.
- F. Two hours will be allotted during the convention for essay papers. The top three papers in each division, student and technologists will be presented. In order to be eligible to receive a first, second or third place award, the student/technologist will have to present his/her essay.
- G. Judging shall be done on unidentified manuscripts on the basis of the following scale:

Criteria Point Scale

- 1. Originality:
 - a. Evidence of original work performed by the author. 0-15 points
 - b. Evidence of originality of topic or approach. 0-15 points
- 2. Educational or technical value:
 - a. Contributes to higher radiologic standards, updates, expands or enhances existing knowledge. 0-20 points
- 3. Scholarship:
 - a. Mastery of subject matter. 0-10 points
 - b. Research of literature. 0-5 points
 - c. Adequate references, bibliography and length. 0-5 points
- 4. Organization of material:
 - a. Development: Orderly and in a logical sequence? 0-10 points
 - b. Visual materials: Drawings and illustrations are used to support or promote understanding of the text. 0-10 points
- 5. Mechanics: Neatness, grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.,... 0-10 points

IV. MANUSCRIPTS

- A. Manuscripts submitted for award consideration become the property of the NDSRT.
- B. Award winning papers will be forwarded to the NDSRT Web Site Manager for posting for publication consideration.
- C. Manuscripts must be original with the author submitting them. They cannot have been previously published or accepted for publication prior to the annual meeting. Direct quotes must be included.
- D. Manuscripts shall be at least 1,500 words. Reading time shall be limited to 20 minutes.
- E. Manuscripts must be typed, double spaced, in standard manuscript style on one-side of good grade white paper, 8½ x 11 inches with wide margins and numbered pages fastened securely on the left side. (They shall be printed in clear, black print, like a laser or ink jet printer produces.)
- F. Four copies will be submitted, three unidentified and one identified.
- G. The title page of the identified manuscript shall carry the author's name, address and place of practice.

V. ILLUSTRATIONS

The author is responsible for preparing slides of all pertinent illustrations if the paper is selected for the annual meeting. Slides additional to the material contained in the submitted text may be used in the presentation, if they do not expand the presentation time beyond the 20-minute time limit.

VI. DEADLINE

Your copies of the manuscript must be mailed by January 15th to the Convention Chair/Co-Chair for the Annual Meeting of the NDSRT. Judging of the papers will be completed by March 1.

VII. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Awards shall be presented during the annual meeting banquet.