



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.*

DEADLINE

Applications and essays must be received, no later than, midnight, January 31st 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 Registry Review. Winners need not be present to win. . The amount of these cash prizes will be determined each year by the MSRT Education Committee and the Board of Directors.

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...



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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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Radiology Nuclear Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Radiation Therapy C.T. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mammography | <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiovascular/M.R.I. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interventional | <input type="checkbox"/> Sonography/Ultrasound |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Any questions should be directed to the address below.

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

Melissa Hibbert at stefanskimelissa@gmail.com