

## SCIENTIFIC ESSAY RULES

### ELIGIBILITY

There shall be one category of scientific essay competition. Radiographers and student radiographers will both compete in the same competition and may submit only one scientific essay per year.

All members in good standing of the Iowa Society of Radiologic Technologists, except those described below, are eligible to compete, provided that their completed essays and applications are sent **by certified mail with return receipt** to the I.S.R.T. President-Elect postmarked **no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.**

The following I.S.R.T members may NOT participate in competition:

1. President
2. President-Elect
3. Annual Meeting General Chairman and Co-chairman
4. Program Chairman
5. Scientific Essay Judges
6. Persons employed by commercial firms engaged in the sale, repair or manufacture of imaging equipment or products.

In order to be eligible for competition the author must be a member of the I.S.R.T at the time of submission. **To verify this, the author must send a copy of their current I.S.R.T. membership card with their application.**

### JUDGING

The President-Elect shall appoint three judges.

The Executive Committee of the I.S.R.T shall approve the judges selected. Judges shall be responsible only to the President-Elect. Judges must inform the President-Elect of any actual or potential conflicts of interest encountered while serving as a judge.

The judges' selection of award winners shall be based upon the ratings listed in the ESSAY JUDGING CRITERIA SCALE. The decisions of the judges are final.

The scientific essay judges shall complete a written evaluation of each scientific essay, and the evaluation shall be available to each author upon request. The request by the author shall be made on the application form.

All submitted essays will be judged prior to the Annual Meeting for content. The top three essays shall be presented at the annual meeting and judged on the presentation. The President Elect shall notify these authors 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

### ESSAY

- A. All essays must represent the ORIGINAL work of the author.
- B. An essay submitted MUST relate directly to the imaging services.
- C. Each author must submit a total of four (4) copies: One (1) identified and three (3) unidentified which shall NOT contain any marks or clues to the author's identity such as pictures, references to doctors, hospitals or companies, address, telephone number, or social security number. Photocopies will be accepted.
- D. ONLY ONE (1) author per scientific essay is allowed.
- E. The essay must be prepared on 8 1/2 X 11 inch paper, typewritten, double spaced, with one inch (1") OR one and one-half (1½") inch wide margins, using one side of the paper only. Pages must be numbered.

- F. **Essays must be written in the APA style.\*\***
- G. After submission of the application and essay to the President-Elect, NO CHANGES can be made in regard to the scientific essay title.
- H. Original essays will NOT be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- I. **All copies (4) and applications are to be sent to the I.S.R.T President-Elect by certified mail, return receipt requested. The postmark determines the submission date and the return receipt verifies and acknowledges receipt by the President-Elect.**
- J. Essay and visuals, if incorporated, must not identify or make reference to a patient, physician, or institution.
- K. **Any scientific essay, which does NOT adhere strictly to these rules, will be eliminated from competition.**
- L. **There will be no exception to the above rules.**

## PRESENTATION

- A. The authors of the top five qualifying essays will be notified as to the time and place for the competitive judging activities. If an author is unable to present his/her essay at the Annual Meeting, the author shall notify the President-Elect by letter, return receipt requested, prior to the Annual Meeting and indicate the designee who will present the essay. This designated presenter will then take over the responsibility of presenting the essay as written. If the above said presenter does not adhere to the essay as written, the essay will be disqualified.
- B. The time allocated for verbal presentation of the Scientific Essay during competition will be **no less than 8 minutes and shall NOT exceed 15 minutes**, which includes all audio and visual activities necessary during the presentation. Official time will be kept by the President- Elect and given to the other essay judges.
- C. The presentation shall contain no reference to the name of any patient, physician, or institution.
- D. A scientific essay that does NOT adhere strictly to these rules will be eliminated from competition.

## References

**\*\*Please follow the APA style format for this scientific paper. You can find examples or information on the APA website: < <http://www.apastyle.org/about-apa-style.aspx>>**

## SCIENTIFIC ESSAY JUDGING CRITERIA

All essays shall be judged by the criteria and point scale on the SCIENTIFIC ESSAY EVALUATION forms.

## AWARDS

First Place	Certificate and \$200.00
Second Place	Certificate and \$150.00
Third Place	Certificate and \$125.00

In the event of a tie, both authors will the awarded certificates and equal monetary awards.

Awards will be presented Saturday, at a time to be announced.

## APPLICATION FOR SCIENTIFIC ESSAY COMPETITION

I wish to present a scientific essay for competition at the Annual Meeting of the  
Iowa Society of Radiologic Technologists.

1. Scientific Essay Title \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_
3. Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Radiologic Technology Program/Employer \_\_\_\_\_
5. Program/Employer Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Special audiovisual equipment required for presentation of your scientific essay:

PowerPoint                   Videotape                   Overhead Projector

Other needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. I DO       DO NOT       wish a written evaluation of my scientific essay.
9. I DO       DO NOT       wish my scientific essay considered for publication in the **Hawkeye Static**.
10. Send BY **CERTIFIED MAIL** with return receipt requested and a copy of your current ISRT membership card postmarked on or before July 1st, of the current year.

**SEND TO**

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