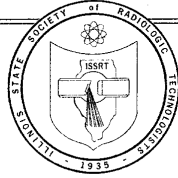


# Illinois State Society of Radiologic Technologists

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## STUDENT RESEARCH PAPER RULES

The following rules and regulations apply to those students who submit scientific papers for competition at the Illinois State Society of Radiologic Technologists' Annual Conference.

### I. AWARDS

First Place: \$100.00 and free ISSRT membership for one year  
Second Place: \$75.00  
Third Place: \$50.00

### II. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Applicants must be enrolled in a school of radiologic science (i.e., Radiography, Radiation Therapy, Nuclear Medicine, Sonography, etc.). A student is considered eligible under this criterion if he/she is enrolled on the date of the application.
- B. **Applicants must be a member of the ISSRT.** The current ISSRT membership number must
- C. **Applicants must be a registered for the ISSRT Annual Conference. Verification of registration will be made one month before the conference is held.**
- D. Each eligible member may submit **ONLY ONE** paper for competition each year.

### III. MANUSCRIPTS

- A. Manuscripts become the property of the ISSRT and are not returned to the author.
- B. Manuscripts must be the original work of the author and cannot have been previously published or accepted for publication. Direct quotes must be indicated.
- C. Manuscripts must be composed using a word processor and saved in Rich Text Format (.rtf). Documents must be double-spaced and pages must be numbered.
- D. Two manuscript copies must be submitted electronically in Rich Text Format (.rtf) to the Professional Education Development Chair at [issrt.papers@gmail.com](mailto:issrt.papers@gmail.com) one original with a cover page to include the author's name, address, telephone number, and email address, plus one unidentified copy. Files should be named using your topic such as mammography08 and mammography08 no cover.
- E. The author is responsible for preparing a PowerPoint presentation if the paper is selected for presentation at the Annual Conference. The presenters must forward their PowerPoint electronically to the Professional Education Development Chair at [issrt.papers@gmail.com](mailto:issrt.papers@gmail.com) one week prior to presentation at the Annual Conference.

**Be sure you have also saved your presentation to a personal flash drive**

F. If written authorization is given, winning manuscripts will be published on the ISSRT Web site. (Please refer to the online application form for permission.)

#### **IV. MANUSCRIPT JUDGING**

A. The three manuscript judges will be selected by the Professional Education Development Chair and will remain anonymous.

B. Judging will be done on unidentified manuscripts.

C. Judges must not have foreknowledge of any individual participation in the competition. Non-compliance with any of these rules will disqualify the paper and/or the judge from the competition.

D. Manuscripts are evaluated according to:

Originality of thought and preparation	5 points x2 = 10
Educational/technical value to students/technologists	5 points x5 = 25
References properly cited in body of paper according to reference style used	5 points x4 = 20
Paper well organized and good transition	5 points x2 = 10
Grammar, spelling, and punctuation	5 points x2 = 10
<b>Total possible 75</b>	

Judges' average scores will be used as the manuscript score.

E. Judges will be instructed by the ISSRT Professional Education Development Chair that any score less than 70% must be accompanied by a written comment on the score sheet.

F. Manuscript judging is completed prior to the Annual Conference.

G. The three (3) manuscripts receiving the highest average scores of 75 and above will be eligible for presentation at the Annual Conference.

- H. The average score of those manuscripts selected for presentation will be averaged with the presentation average score for determining the final awards at the Annual Conference.

## V. PRESENTATION JUDGING

- A. A second group of three judges will be selected by the Professional Education Development Chairperson to evaluate the author's presentation at the Annual Conference.
- B. Manuscripts selected for presentation at the Annual Conference cannot exceed 20 minutes reading/presentation time.
- C. The second group of judges shall evaluate the manuscript presentation according to:

### **MANNER OF PRESENTATION**

1. Suited to assignment; stayed within 20 min limit	0-10 Points
2. Verbal skills: clear enunciation, correct pronunciation, audible speaking and enthusiasm displayed	0 – 10 Points
3. Non-verbal skills: good eye contact, poise and appropriate attire (professional)	0 – 10 Points
4. Absence of distracting mannerisms	0 – 10 Points

### **KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT MATTER**

1. Smooth, orderly presentation	0 -20 Points
2. Familiar with material	0 - 20 Points

### **EFFECTIVENESS OF DELIVERY**

1. Illustrations/PowerPoint support and promote understanding	0-10 Points
2. Overall impact on the audience	0-10 Points

Total possible points:	100 Points
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### **Judges' average scores will be the presentation score.**

- D. Judges will be instructed by the Professional Education Development Chair that any score less than 85 must be accompanied by written comments on the score sheet.
- E. Awards will be given according to the highest total average score – manuscript average plus presentation average will be added together to get a combined total average score.
- F. After the presentation of the awards, all score sheets from both the manuscript and presentation categories will be given to the Professional Education Development Chair to be tallied for determining awards. Score sheets, including the judges'

comments, will be returned to the participant within two weeks. All judges will remain anonymous.

G. If only one manuscript is submitted to be judged, the awards to be given will be a certificate of participation (instead of first place) and the first place monetary award.

## **VI. DEADLINE**

Both copies of the manuscript must be sent by email to [issrt.papers@gmail.com](mailto:issrt.papers@gmail.com) on or before **February 15<sup>th</sup>**. The completed application form and current ISSRT membership number must be submitted on or before **February 15<sup>th</sup>** through the ISSRT web site.