

# **SDSRT Scientific Exhibit Rules for Entrants**

## **1. Eligibility**

- a. Registered technologists and student technologists who are paid members of the SDSRT for the current conference year are eligible for the Scientific Exhibit Awards Competition during the annual state meeting.
- b. Exhibitors must be registered for the annual state meeting.
- c. The deadline for digital exhibit submissions is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Late submissions will not be accepted.

## **2. Submission Requirements**

- a. All exhibits must be researched and prepared by the student or technologist and have not been prepared by a professional exhibit company.
- b. All submissions must be original, in so far as they have never been entered into any competition or read at a State or National meeting prior to the annual conference. *Plagiarism will be grounds for disqualification.*
- c. The exhibits must be related to procedures done in the applicant's department or related to new procedures or interest to the general membership.
- d. Submissions are not to contain any identifiable information such as pictures, references to doctors, images, x-ray companies, or hospitals that can in any way present a clue as to the origin of the author or the author's department or training program.
- e. All exhibits must be in digital format and sized to 48 X 36 (PowerPoint standard 4:3 ratio with a landscape orientation). An example PowerPoint template can be found at [https://www.makesigns.com/SciPosters\\_Templates.aspx](https://www.makesigns.com/SciPosters_Templates.aspx).
- f. All information or images displayed on the digital exhibit must be cited using AMA format and included on the exhibit itself.

## **3. Selection of Judges**

- a. Judging of the scientific exhibits will be performed by a three-member committee appointed by the scientific awards chairperson.
- b. The evaluation committee will have no prior knowledge of the author or place of employment or training.
- c. The judges must not be affiliated with any training program within the state.
- d. The judges' decisions will be final.
- e. The scores from all three judges will be tallied and the first 3 places will be determined.

## **4. Annual State Conference Prizes**

- a. The Board of Directors will determine awards on a yearly basis.
  - i. If there is a tie, the tie will be broken by the following:
    1. Tie-breakers will be determined by who received the highest total score for Organization of Ideas.
    2. If that still leads to a tie, whoever received the highest total score for Clarity will break the tie.