

RULES FOR ENTRANTS OF SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITS

1. Eligibility

- A. Registered and student technologists who are **paid members of the SDSRT by January 1** of the current year are eligible for the Scientific Awards Competition during the annual state meeting.
- B. Exhibitor must be registered at the annual state meeting.
- C. All others will be disqualified.

2. Submission Requirements

- A. All exhibits must be researched and prepared by the student or technologist and not have been prepared by a professional exhibit company.
- B. Be related to procedures done in applicant's department or related to new procedures or interest to the general membership.
- C. 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.***
- 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. Not occupy an area larger than 48" in length.
- F. All information or images that are displayed on the front of the exhibit must be cited using AMA format on a reference page. The reference page should be placed in a clear protective sheet and placed in front of the exhibit.
- G. Applicants must submit an exhibit reservation form to the Chairperson of the Scientific Awards before **February 1** of the current year and the application is to be completed online.

3. All scientific exhibits must achieve at least 25 points on content to be eligible for an award.

4. Scientific exhibits will be judged at the annual state meeting by three independent judges.

5. Selection of Judges

- A. Initial 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 & the first 3 places will be determined.

6. Annual State Conference Prizes

A. First and second place awards shall be presented to Registered Technologists and Students.

B. Awards will be determined by the Board of Directors on a yearly basis.

C. If there is a tie for first or second place the tie will be broken by the following:

1) First place will be determined by who received the highest total score for Organization of Ideas.

2) If that still leads to a tie then first place will be awarded to whoever received the highest total score for Clarity.