

## COMPETITIVE ESSAY RULES

### AWARDS

Awards for Technologist and Student papers will be considered separately.

FIRST PLACE: \$ 200.00 cash and certificate

SECOND PLACE: \$ 100.00 cash and certificate

THIRD PLACE: \$ 50.00 cash and certificate

Certificates will be awarded to all participants.

### ELIGIBILITY

1. All members in good standing of the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists are eligible to compete for awards, providing the application and manuscript are forwarded to the *2nd Vice President* with a **USPS Postmark** of no later than **May 15** of current year as published in the Focal Spot Monitor.
2. The following members **may not** participate: all Elected Officers of the Society, Annual Meeting Chairperson, Annual Meeting Co-Chairperson, Essay Judges, members of other state societies, or persons employed by commercial firms engaged in the sale or manufacture of radiology or imaging products.

### JUDGING

1. Three persons selected by the 2nd Vice President, will do the judging. They **shall** be responsible only to the President of the Society. Judges may consist of technologists in the fields of administration, supervision, staff imaging, or instruction. They can also be a commercial representative or radiologist.
2. The judges' decisions are final.

### MANUSCRIPTS AND MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION

1. Only one essay per author may be submitted for competition.
2. The essay must be original & pertain to the art and science of Radiologic Technology.
3. Manuscript style: typewritten on one side of 8 ½ " x 11" bond paper, double-spaced, 1" margins on both sides, with pagination. A formal writing style must be used such as APA, MLA, AMA, etc. There must be an appropriate list of references which are cited throughout the essay in the correct format style used.

4. Each contestant must submit four (4) copies, the original and three copies. Only the original shall bear the author's name. The copies shall contain no marks of identification such as letterheads, pictures, and references to doctors or hospitals, companies, or other clues to the author's identity. Such identification will disqualify the essay and manuscript will be returned to the author.
5. Reading time shall not be less than the (10) minutes; and no more than twenty (20) minutes.
6. Compilation of the scores will be available to the author upon written request to the Meeting Planner of L.S.R.T. within 30 days of judging.
7. Once submitted, the title of the essay cannot be changed.
8. Essays shall not be submitted for competition if it has been submitted previously, for any other competition.
9. Manuscripts will not be returned unless accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.

#### **CRITERIA FOR AWARDS**

1. An essay must obtain a minimum average score of 65 points from the judges to be considered for any award.
2. An essay must obtain a minimum average score of 75 points from the judges to be considered for the First Place Award.

#### **DEADLINE DATES**

1. To be eligible for competition, L.S.R.T. membership must be in effect by May 1.
2. The essay application together with the completed manuscript and copies must be **USPS Postmarked** no later than **May 15** of current year.