

# Competitive Essay Rules

## LSRT Scientific 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

- All members in good standing of the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists are eligible to compete for awards, providing the application, original manuscript and 1 copy with no identification markings electronically submitted to the Vice President of no later than May 15 of current year)
- 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

- Three persons selected by the 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.
- The judges' decisions are final.

### Manuscripts and Preparation

- Only one essay per author may be submitted for competition
- The essay must be original & pertain to the art and science of Radiologic Technology, if not the essay will NOT be scored.
- Manuscript style: typewritten on one side of 8 ½ " x 11", double-spaced, 1" margins on both sides, with pagination. A formal writing style must be used such as APA, MLA, or AMA. There must be an appropriate list of references which are cited throughout the essay in the correct format style used. If more than one format is used, essay will NOT be scored.
- Each contestant must submit two (2) copies, the original and 1 copy with no identification. 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.
- Essay length shall not be less than three pages; and no more than five pages. Supplementary pages (i.e. Title page, reference page) do not contribute to the essay length requirement.
- Writers should make every effort to reference material when possible. At no time should a writer deliberately use the work of another with proper citations.
- Compilation of the scores will be available to the author upon written request to the Vice President of LSRT within 30 days of judging.
- Essays shall not be submitted for competition if it has been submitted previously, for any other competition.

### Criteria for Awards

- An essay must obtain a minimum average score of 65 points from the judges to be considered for any award.
- An essay must obtain a minimum average score of 75 points from the judges to be considered for the First Place Award.
- The essay will be evaluated using the following categories: content, flow of content, grammar and spelling, use of references within the text, and overall impression,

### Deadline Dates

- To be eligible for competition, LSRT membership must be in effect by May 1.
- The essay application together with the completed manuscript and original manuscript and 1 copy with no identification markings electronically submitted to the Vice President of LSRT no later than May 15 of the current year.