



GUIDELINES FOR ENTRANTS SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITS

I. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Registered technologists and student technologists who are members of the NDSRT for the current conference year are eligible to enter the scientific paper competition. Members of the NDSRT are eligible to enter a scientific paper in the categories listed below:
 - 1) **Registered Technologist:** This includes technologists registered and /or certified by a nationally recognized professional radiation science certification agency.
 - a) First place, Second place and Third place awards will be presented
 - 2) **Student Technologist:** This includes students currently enrolled full time in professional radiation science programs recognized by an appropriate national accreditation agency.
 - a) First place, Second place and Third place awards will be presented
- B. Registered technologist and student technologists who are members of the NDSRT for the current NDSRT elected officers, convention chairpersons, and essay judges are not eligible to enter the competition
- C. Exhibitor must be registered to attend the annual educational conference.

II. 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. All submissions must be original, in so far as, they have never been entered into any competition or at a State or National meeting prior to the annual conference. **Plagiarism will be grounds for disqualification.**
- B. The exhibits must be related to procedures done in applicant's department or related to new procedures/technology or be of interest to the general membership.
- C. 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.
- D. The application for scientific exhibit must be submitted online of the paper must be done online via the "Online Scientific EXHIBIT Registration Form" found on the NDSRT website page. This must be completed by February 15th of the convention year. '



- E. All exhibits must be original work of the entrant and must not be commercially made.
- F. Exhibits must not exceed 6 feet in height.
- G. An exhibit display is a visual presentation and should include sufficient images. Visuals should be relevant and enhance your display. They should also include informative captions
- H. All information or images that are displayed on the exhibit must be cited using AMA format and must be included on the exhibit itself.
- I. All exhibits must include a references page which will be displayed on the table in front of the exhibit.

III. **FORMAT AND CONTENT GUIDE**

A. Aesthetic Presentation

- 1) Colors and fonts are consistent and coordinated. Use a clear, easy-to-read font style.
- 2) Font size should be of appropriate size so the display can be read from a short distance.

B. Organization of Ideas

- 1) Information is logically organized and easy to follow. Creative organization and well-grouped information
- 2) The purpose of the exhibit is to present your subject matter in a readable viewer friendly format.
- 3) People of varying degrees of experience may be viewing your presentation, so remember to make your points as complete and brief as possible.
- 4) Successful exhibits achieve both coverage and clarity.

C. Content

- 1) Information is accurate.
- 2) Material should be presented in a logical sequence.
- 3) Materials should convey clearly as statement of the problem, project objectives, methodology, significant outcomes, and conclusions.
- 4) Minimize the narrative. Numbered or bulleted lists can be a concise, effective way to convey a series of points.

D. Visuals

- 1) An exhibit display is a visual presentation and should include sufficient images.
- 2) Visuals should be relevant and enhance your display. They should also include informative captions.



IV. SELECTION OF JUDGES

- A. Judging of the scientific exhibits will be performed by a three-member committee, appointment by the Convention Advisor according to "Guidelines Established for the Selection of Judges for North Dakota Society of Radiologic Technologists Scientific Display and Essay Competition." Their names shall be known only to the Convention Chairperson and Convention Advisor. The judges shall be responsible to the Convention Advisor.
- B. The evaluation committee will have no prior knowledge of the exhibitor or place of employment or training.
- C. The judges must not be affiliated with any training program within the state.
- D. Refer to the Scientific Exhibit Rubric for further guidelines on judging criteria
- E. The scores from all three judges will be tallied and the first 3 places will be determined.
- F. The judges' decisions will be final.

V. ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE PRIZES

- A. Awards will be presented on the final conference day during the annual business meeting.