

Washington Society of Radiologic Technologists
ESSAY COMPETITION APPLICATION GUIDE

Eligibility:

Registered and student technologists who are voting or student members in good standing of the Washington Society of Radiologic Technologists as of **January 31**. Membership must be maintained without interruption until the conclusion of the Essay Competition. If you are not a current member of WSRT, you may submit a WSRT membership application along with the Essay competition application, to the Executive Secretary

Each applicant is encouraged to provide an e-mail address on the application for timely feedback. It is the applicant's responsibility to know and follow all rules for competition

The following may not participate in the competition: current WSRT elected officers, Annual Meeting Chairman, Annual Meeting Co-Chairman, Essay Committee Chairman, essay or exhibit judges or members who are employed by firms engaged in the manufacture or distribution of equipment, accessories or supplies utilized in the fields of diagnostic and therapeutic radiation or nuclear medicine.

Application Procedure/Deadline:

Participants may work collaboratively on an essay; however, collaboration is limited to no more than two individuals per paper. Please check with your program director if collaboration is allowed by your individual programs.

Submit application form, along with one copy of the manuscript in Word format, within the submission deadline date. The WSRT reserves the right to publish any or all manuscript essay entries on the WSRT website.

- ◆ Format style required is APA (no other formats will be accepted)
- ◆ Document should be a maximum of 2,500 words and typed double-spaced.
- ◆ Applicants may submit only one essay for the competition.
- ◆ If the essay is a joint effort, each applicant must sign the application form.

Each participant must submit 1 electronic copy in Word format, to the WSRT email. This copy shall bear the author's name and address on the title page, to be edited by the WSRT office before forwarding to the judges. The paper should not contain any marks or clues to the author's identity such as pictures, references to doctors or institutions.

Research papers should be from viable, professionally reviewed references, such as books, professional journals, databases, etc. Internet sources may be utilized with the file extensions .edu, .org. or .gov. Internet sources with the file extension .com or .net should be used sparingly, as these sites are not professionally reviewed and are often published for marketing, rather than education.

ALL PAPERS WILL BE SCREENED BY THE ESSAY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR THE ABOVE CRITERIA BEFORE BEING JUDGED. ALL RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.

Judges:

The judges shall be selected by the President of WSRT and shall be responsible only to him/her. The judges' decision shall be final. There shall be four judges, meeting the following qualifications:

(1) One judge must be a post-secondary English instructor; (2) Two judges must be R.T.'s who are actively involved in the profession and have been members of a State Society for the last five years; (3) The fourth judge will be used only in the event of a tie and must meet qualification of #2.

Judging will be complete and winners selected by the start of the second day of the WSRT Conference. Winners will be announced following the WSRT Business Meeting on Friday.

Email Postmark deadline: **January 31.**

Email to: wsrt.office@gmail.com

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ESSAY APPLICATION FORM

1 Electronic copy in Word Format of Manuscript written in APA format must accompany application. A copy of all participants WSRT membership card or application for membership must accompany the application. Postmark Deadline: **January 31.**

Essay Title: _____

Name: _____

I am an RT [] Student []

Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

If student, name of school _____

If this is a joint effort, co-author must complete section below:

Name: _____

I am an RT [] Student []

Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email: _____

If student, name of school _____

I have read the rules and regulations governing the essay competition and understand them fully. The essay submitted is the work of the participant(s), and has not been prepared by another individual or commercial source and has not been previously submitted at a prior WSRT Annual Conference

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Official use only:

Date received: _____

Number Assigned: _____

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ESSAY COMPETITION RATING CRITERIA

Categories

Scholarship/Originality

The research you use in the paper is comprehensive, current and relevant to the topic. You indicate how the research will affect the profession, either by suggesting (essay option) or reviewing (report option) a new application of existing research, a new approach to a common topic, or further new research. Essay option only: Counter-arguments are dealt with to the satisfaction of a professional and/or academic readership. References and bibliography should be in correct APA format and appropriate to the paper's topic.

Educational or Technical Value

Essay option: Is this new research or a new way of interpreting current research? Has anyone ever thought of this subject in this fashion before? Has anyone ever written about this subject in this way before? Both options: Does it capture the audience's attention in some way? Does your work help further the art and science of Radiologic Technology by updating, expanding, enhancing, or clarifying or better explaining existing knowledge or research?

Organization of Materials/Mechanics

Paper is focused, engaging and flows in a logical sequence, with appropriate and obvious transitions between sections and if needed, illustrations. If drawings or illustrations are used, they should be relevant, supporting or promoting understanding of the text. NOTE: A paper will not be penalized for lack of illustration if the text is self-explanatory.

AWARDS FOR ESSAY COMPETITION

Awards consist of: Essay Competition
First: \$100.00
Second: \$50.00
Third: \$25.00

These awards are made from the conference funds.

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ESSAY JUDGING SCALE

Three judges shall be selected by, and bear sole responsibility to the WSRT President. The decision of the judges shall be final.

An average of eighty (80) points per three judges is required for first place; seventy (70) points for second place; and sixty (60) points for third place.

Judging shall be done on unidentified manuscripts on the basis of the following 100 point scale.

Rating	Scholarship	Originality	Ed/Tech value	Organization	Mechanics
Outstanding	16-20	30-35	11-20	13-15	09-10
Above Average	10-15	25-29	06-10	10-12	07-08
Average	01-09	15-24	00-10	00-09	01-06
Below Standard	0	00-14	0	0	0

<u>Criteria:</u>		<u>Points Awarded</u>
1. Scholarship: Mastery of subject matter and appropriate research of literature.	(20 pts. Max)	
2. Originality of thought or subject matter.	(35 pts. Max)	
3. Educational or technical value.	(20 pts. Max)	
4. Organization of material –including development, and visual materials.	(15 pts. Max)	
5. Mechanics: Neatness, grammar, punctuation, and title pages.	(10 pts. Max)	
	Total	