

**Oklahoma Society of Radiologic Technologists, Inc.**  
**Scientific Essay Competition**  
**Rules and Regulations**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of the OSRT Scientific Essay Awards is to recognize excellence in scholarly writing by students in the radiologic sciences who are current members of the OSRT.

**AWARDS**

First place award shall be \$200.00; Second place - \$150; Third place - \$100. Awards also consist of a certificate and recognition on the OSRT, Inc. web site. Awards will be presented to the winning authors during the OSRT Annual Seminar.

**ELIGIBLE MANUSCRIPTS**

Students must be a member of OSRT when their application is submitted to be eligible to compete. Only one manuscript per author may be submitted in the competition. Only three student members are eligible per accredited program. School officials are responsible for determining which essays will be submitted for judging.

**SUBMISSION**

Each competitor must submit two copies of the manuscript, each as a separate attachment. One must include the title page that identifies the title, name, address, date and the school of the author. The second copy will include the title page that omits the identity of the author.

Manuscripts submitted for competition must be original works which have not been submitted to other competitions or for publication prior to the OSRT Annual Seminar.

Manuscripts submitted for competition must make use of citations (references) from academic literature serving the field. Personal opinion pieces or works without citations will not be accepted for competition.

Manuscripts may describe original research; present an overview of new ideas or thoughts regarding radiologic technology; describe new modalities, procedures, techniques or practices; or represent scholarly analysis of current literature topics.

**JUDGING**

A minimum of three judges who are academically or professionally credentialed to evaluate scientific manuscripts will be selected by the Essay Committee chairman. The Essay Committee chairman shall be the only member of the Society to know the identity of the judges. Each judge will be provided with a copy of the OSRT Scientific Essay Evaluation Scale, the Scientific Essay Competition Rules and Regulations, and the Essay Competition Manuscript Guidelines. Judging shall be done on coded, unidentified manuscripts using the following criteria:

## 1. ORIGINALITY

Originality is considered in the presentation of a new device, technique or principle. It may also be an improvement, a new application or commentary on existing methodologies. A premise should be proven or substantiated by research and experimentation. Manuscripts must not contain word-for-word portions of published articles, books or journals, unless they are properly referenced or quoted. Manuscripts containing plagiarized portions of other publications will be disqualified.

## 2. EDUCATIONAL OR TECHNICAL VALUE

Manuscripts should be of educational value to radiologic technologists or a contribution to higher radiological standards. They may relate to any of the radiological sciences or to new imaging modalities or techniques. Administrative innovations and educational theories are also considered to be of value to the profession.

## 3. SCHOLARSHIP

Mastery of subject matter  
Quality of written language and exposition  
Research of literature

## 4. ORGANIZATION OF MATERIALS

Development of material should be presented in a logical sequence. All papers must have a numbered reference page at the end of the text. Visual materials may be utilized, but should support or promote additional clarification or understanding of the text. A paper will not be penalized for lack of illustrations if the text is self-explanatory.

## 5. MECHANICS

Neatness, grammar, spelling, and punctuation will be evaluated. Identification of the author or school within the manuscript will disqualify the essay. Failure to follow the Essay Competition Manuscript Guidelines will result in disqualification of the manuscript.

## NOTIFICATION AND PRESENTATION

If there is a tie in the scoring of the essays, the judges will be responsible for selecting the order of placement (or break the tie). The decision of the judges is final. After the judging is completed, the winners will be announced during the awards ceremony at the Annual Seminar.

## RIGHTS TO PUBLISH

The winning essays become the property of the OSRT, Inc. and may be posted on the OSRT webpage. Authors should keep their own copies.

## APPLICATIONS

Manuscripts and the essay application must be submitted as email attachments to the OSRT Scientific Essay email: [osrtessay@gmail.com](mailto:osrtessay@gmail.com) by the February 15 deadline. A confirmation email will be sent by the Scientific Essay Committee chairperson.