



**Essay Rules and Criteria for  
Registered and Student Technologist Categories**

**Eligibility**

- Any registered technologist or student technologist, who is a member of the OSRT in good standing **at the time of application and at the time of the Annual Meeting**, shall be eligible to compete in the Essay Competition.
- Foundation Board or Foundation committee members are not eligible to compete in the Essay Competition. These individuals may submit a non-competitive essay.
- All essays must be original work, prepared by the applicant(s) and not previously published or presented at an Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists' Annual Meeting.
- Registered or student technologists may only submit or be a participant on one essay.
- Upon receipt and acceptance of the completed application form and essay, a notice of acknowledgement or ineligibility will be communicated by the Foundation, via e-mail, to the primary applicant listed on the application.
- **It is the individual's responsibility to know and follow all rules for competition.**
- **All application materials and essays must be submitted by March 1<sup>st</sup> via the OSRT website at [www.osrt.org](http://www.osrt.org).**

**Student Eligibility Requirements**

To compete as a student technologist, each applicant must:

- Be enrolled in an approved medical imaging or radiologic sciences program at the time of application.
- Be an OSRT member in good standing at the time of submission of this application for competition. If you need to join OSRT, click the "Join OSRT" button on the OSRT's website at [www.osrt.org](http://www.osrt.org) and complete the electronic membership process.
- If any individual listed on the application does not meet eligibility requirements the essay will be considered ineligible and disqualified.

**Registered Technologist Eligibility Requirements**

To compete as a registered technologist, each applicant must:

- Be an OSRT member in good standing at the time of submission of this application for competition. If you need to join OSRT, click the Join OSRT button on the OSRT's website at [www.osrt.org](http://www.osrt.org) and complete the electronic membership process.
- Hold active registry or certification and be in good standing with the ARRT, ARDMS, or NMTCB at the time of application.
- If any individual listed on the application does not meet eligibility requirements the essay will be considered ineligible and disqualified.

**Submission Rules**

- A completed application form submitted via the OSRT website by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- An electronic copy of the essay must be submitted with the application through the OSRT website. The electronic copy must be created using only Microsoft Word. Remember, you must be an OSRT member in good standing at the time of submission of this application for competition.

## Essay Rules

- **Title Page:** Should include the essay title and author(s) name/credentials, centered to the middle of the page.
- **Abstract:** Summarize the significant information in the essay to be understandable without reference to the text. The use of abbreviations should be avoided and the abstract should be limited to 200 words.
- **Text:** Each essay must be double-spaced, 12 point font, Times New Roman font with 1" margins. Each page must be numbered. The body of the essay must be 3-5 pages, which does not include title page, abstract, figures/tables, or reference page/s.
- **Figures/Tables:** Must be numerically identified, referenced, titled and double-spaced.
- **References:** A list of references, primarily from peer-reviewed sources, (see judging critique sheets) must be used in preparing the essay and should demonstrate a thorough and up-to-date review of topic materials. The reference page must be presented in the ***American Medical Association Manual of Style***. The Foundation will **disqualify** any essay that is not correctly referenced or is not in the *American Medical Association Manual of Style*.
- Subject matter for the essay should be pertinent to radiologic technology or radiation therapy, have current or future educational, clinical, or technical value and follow the criteria listed on the essay judging criteria sheets.
- HIPAA rules and regulations apply to all posters.
- Collaboration on the essay is limited to no more than two individuals per essay. Identification: Essay must include author(s) name(s) and may include institutional affiliation and advisor's name.
- Essays not meeting minimum eligibility requirements, using inappropriate references, or demonstrating evidence of plagiarism will be immediately disqualified.

**Essays not conforming to the above specifications will be disqualified.**

**Judging Criteria: See Essay Judging Rubric**

**Essays must score a minimum of 88% or greater on the scoring form to be eligible for an award.**

100-94% eligible for 1<sup>st</sup> place

100-88% eligible for 2<sup>nd</sup> place

In the event of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place will be dropped. In the event of a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, it shall be at the discretion of the Foundation on how the tie will be handled.

**This is a competition with minimum standards for awards.** If the minimum standards are not met, awards will not be given.