

## ESSAY APPLICATION FORM

\_\_\_ Informative Essay (Qualitative Research)

\_\_\_ Investigational Essay (Quantitative Research)

TITLE OF ESSAY:

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MEMBER NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

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I understand that to be eligible for an award that I must be a member in good standing with the ISRT and comply with the essay rules and regulations. Non-members will be disqualified.

Signature:

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For more information on classifying Qualitative vs. Quantitative Research see the following link:  
<http://www.wilderdom.com/research/QualitativeVersusQuantitativeResearch.html>

**Application and Essays are due by March 1. Only electronic submissions will be accepted. Send application to [idahoisrtwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:idahoisrtwebmaster@gmail.com). See rules below.**

### AWARDS FOR ESSAY COMPETITION

Awards in each category consist of:

First: \$100.00

Second: \$50.00

Third: \$25.00

These awards are made from the conference funds unless a sponsor is found.

## ISRT ESSAY RULES AND REGULATIONS

### Eligibility:

- All registered technologists and students who are ISRT members in good standing with the society are eligible providing their application and manuscripts are submitted by March 1.
- The following ISRT officers may not participate in competition: President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer/Membership Officer, Essay Chairperson, Essay Judges, or persons employed by commercial firms engaged in the sale or manufacture of equipment or products.

### Applications:

- Application forms are available on the ISRT web site. Electronic applications must be forwarded to [IdahoISRTWebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:IdahoISRTWebmaster@gmail.com), within the submission deadline date.
- Proof of membership in the ISRT will be verified with the membership officer by the Committee Chairperson. Non-members will be disqualified.

### Manuscripts:

- All manuscripts must be original. Reading time (if required) shall be not less than ten (10) minutes or more than twenty (20) minutes. This time shall include display of images, data, etc. if needed for demonstration.
- The essays must be double spaced, Times New Roman size 12 font, with one (1) inch margins.
- Each applicant or team shall submit (1) electronic copy.
- The essay shall be **DE-IDENTIFIED** (i.e. remove author, clinical site, college).
- The title shall appear on the cover sheet without the author's name. Note: each applicant shall retain an additional copy for reading if required.
- Identifying marks will result in disqualification.
- The ISRT reserves the right to publish any or all manuscript essay entries in *Scattered Radiation*.

### Judging:

There will be no separate classification for technologist and student categories. All essays will be judged as one unit. The Committee Chairperson shall select three judges no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Conference. The judges shall be:

- Registered technologists that are members of their respective associations/societies, and employed in the profession for at least five years.
- Familiar with the subject matter to be judged. It is acceptable for the judge to use resource persons to comment on the validity of the technical content.
- Solely responsible to the Committee Chairperson.
- Judges decisions are final.

## ESSAY JUDGING SCALE

Three judges shall be selected by, and bear sole responsibility to the Committee Chairperson. 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 3rd place.

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

Rating	Criteria 1	Criteria 2	Criteria 3	Criteria 4	Criteria 5
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
Little or None	0	0-14	0	0	0

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