

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

AWARDS

First Place: Trophy and cash award of \$250.

Second Place: Trophy and cash award of \$125.

Third Place: Trophy and cash award of \$50.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be a current member of the NYSSRS, Inc. who is in good standing.
2. **Proof of NYSSRS membership must be submitted with the student entry.**
3. Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited radiography or radiation therapy program for the graduating class of 2009 or 2010.
4. An Essay Submission Form signed by both the program director & the student must accompany the essay.

JUDGING

The judges' selection shall be based upon ratings listed on the Essay Evaluation Scale. There are six categories worth 20 point each for a maximum total score of 120 points. Awards will be determined by the three highest total scores in descending order. The winners will be notified prior to the NYSSRS Annual Conference.

MANUSCRIPT

1. All essays must be the student's original work. Plagiarism will disqualify an entry.
2. Reading time shall not be more than 20 minutes. This time shall include showing slides, etc., if needed.
3. The essay must be prepared on 8.5" x 11" bond paper, typewritten with 12 pt standard font, double-spaced, with 1" margins, using one side of the paper only. A bibliography and other appendices shall be included as needed.
4. **Each contestant must submit 4 copies.** One copy shall bear the author's name and address on the title page, to be retained by the committee. The remaining three copies shall be unidentified, and should not contain any marks or clues to the author's identity such as pictures, references to doctors or institutions; however, **the blind copies must include the title of the paper.**
5. **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.**
6. Each copy of the manuscript shall be securely fastened together in the left-hand, top margin.

PRESENTATION

The award winning essays will be on display and awards presented at the NYSSRS Annual Conference. The authors of the award winning essays will be invited to present their paper during the NYSSRS Annual Conference.