

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

AWARDS

- First Place: 1st Place Certificate and cash award of \$250.00
Second Place: 2nd Place Certificate and cash award of \$150.00
Third Place: 3rd Place Certificate and cash award of \$75.00

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 signed submission form.**
3. Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited radiography, radiation therapy or nuclear medicine program for the graduating class of 2021 or 2022.

JUDGING

The judges' selection shall be based upon ratings listed on the Essay Evaluation Scale. There are five categories worth 20 point each for a maximum total score of 100 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. The essay must be prepared on 8.5" x 11" page size, typewritten with 12 pt. Calibri font, double-spaced, with 1" margins, using one side of the paper only. A bibliography and other appendices shall be included as needed.
3. **Each contestant must submit 2 copies via email.** One copy shall bear the author's name and address on the title page, to be retained by the committee. The remaining copy 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. All copies should be e-mailed ann.verschuuren@sunvorange.edu**
4. 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.
5. Essays that do not meet the above qualifications will be disqualified by the committee.

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 accept recognition during the quiz bowl competition.