



## Essay Competition Rules

### I. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Students must be enrolled in a Nationally Accredited Radiation Therapy Program.
- B. Students must attend the CART Annual Conference.

### II. JUDGING

- A. Essays will be sent to the chair of the essay committee, who will then submit the unidentified copies of the essays to the judges.
- B. The essays will be evaluated by three (3) judges. There will be enough judges available to avoid conflicts of interest. All decisions of the judges are final.
- C. An essay will have to receive a minimum of 75 points from each judge to be considered for an award. If no essay meets the minimum standard no award will be given for the year.

### III. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

- A. Originality- Evidence of original work performed by the author(s):
  - 1. Originality
  - 2. Unprecedented
  - 3. New approach.
- B. Educational or technical value
  - 1. Relevancy: contributes to higher radiological standards.
  - 2. Expands or enhances existing knowledge.
- C. Scholarship
  - 1. Mastery of the subject matter.
  - 2. Comprehensive research of literature.
- D. Readability
  - 1. Development of an orderly, logical sequence.
- E. Mechanical
  - 1. Neatness, Grammar, Spelling, & Punctuation
  - 2. Use of correct terms.

### IV. AWARDS

- A. First Place: \$125
- B. Second Place: \$75
- C. Third Place: \$50

### V. MANUSCRIPTS

- A. Manuscripts shall be at least 1,500 words.
- B. Manuscripts must be typed, double-spaced, in AMA reference style guidelines, with 1-inch margins, and numbered pages.

### VI. REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- A. All submissions must be completed online.
- B. (2) copies of your Essay in pdf format:
  - 1. (1) copy is to contain a title page with the name, address and phone number of the program and student.
  - 2. (1) copy is to contain only the title of the essay.
- C. A letter from the Program Director stating you are enrolled in a Radiation Therapy Program in pdf format.

### VII. DEADLINE

- A. All manuscripts must be emailed before 12:00 am April 1, 2017.
- B. Any manuscripts sent after 12:00 am April 1, 2017 will not be considered for judging.