



EMPIRE STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION STUDENT RESEARCH POSTER COMPETITION GUIDELINES & APPLICATION

Applications must be submitted by November 4, 2011

The Empire State Medical Association (ESMA) is pleased to announce their 5th Annual Student Research Poster Competition. Each year, ESMA holds this competition to create an environment for undergraduate and medical students to share ideas and research findings. The posters are evaluated by a committee comprised of ESMA members and are judged on the basis of quality, significance to the field, thoroughness, and clarity of presentation.

UP to \$1000 will be awarded to a winner in each category of High School, Undergraduate and Graduate/Medical School.

Eligibility:

- The competitor must be a student enrolled in a high school, college, university or medical school at the time the research was undertaken and completed.
- The competitor must have completed original research. The competitor's Research Advisor must be able to attest that the competitor's work is original research of the type that is characteristic of the field.
- The competitor must be listed as first or second author of the paper from which the poster is presented.
- The competitor **must be in attendance** at the time of judging during the conference on **Saturday, December 10, 2011.**
- The competitor must be of African/Latin descent.

**ESMA Poster Competition – 6th Annual Mentoring in Medicine Conference
Saturday, December 10, 2011**

Guidelines:

Abstract

An abstract of 100 words should be submitted describing the original, student driven research. You will be contacted if invited to enter your poster into the competition. For more helpful tips on writing a research abstract and preparing a poster presentation, please visit the following web pages:

- http://www.acponline.org/residents_fellows/competitions/abstract/prepare/res_abs.htm
- http://www.acponline.org/residents_fellows/competitions/abstract/prepare/pos_pres.htm

Acceptable Format for Submissions

- Work must be presented in the form of a poster presentation.
- No sound equipment is allowed.
- It is suggested that section headings be printed at 10 mm height.
- All other text should be legible from a distance of 4 feet (5-10 mm height).

Each poster should contain the following sections and be clearly identified:

- **Title and Author**
Place the title and names of authors at the top center of the poster. For readability the title should be 15 mm in height (legible from 10 feet).
- **Introduction**
Give a brief background, followed by a statement of the purpose of the research as either a question or a hypothesis.
- **Methods**
Give a brief discussion of the techniques, data collection, replicas and statistics used. Omit unnecessary detail.
- **Results**
Use tables and graphs that are easy to read and understand.
- **Conclusions**
What did you find out? Did you accept or reject your hypothesis? Describe results in terms of general biological principles. What is the significance of the findings?

APPLICATION

Please send the following information with your abstract to **ESMA2011Poster@aol.com**. Fill out ALL of the fields completely. Fields marked with * MUST be filled out or your application will be disqualified.

*Name _____

*Address _____

Telephone _____ *Email Address _____

*Educational Institution _____

*Poster Title _____

*Research Advisor and telephone number _____

*I attest that the work presented for the Empire State Medical Association Poster Competition Scholarship Award is my own original research: _____ YES _____ NO

*Signature _____ Date _____