



Texas Society of Allied Health Professions 2019 Student Poster Competition

TSAHP encourages students in the health professions to acquire expertise and practice in dissemination of research and demonstration projects through the medium of poster presentations. The **TSAHP Student Poster Competition** is open to undergraduate and graduate student members who are currently enrolled in a health professions degree or certificate program. Students apply to participate in the competition as described below.

Awards. Certificates are awarded for first, second, and third place student poster presentations, as determined by judges at the Reception and Poster Session, along with cash awards of \$300, \$200, and \$100, respectively. Awards are announced and presented at the conference dinner immediately following the poster session. Checks will be made payable and presented to the sole or first author on the poster.

Eligibility. To be eligible for an award:

- **The lead author must attend the Conference Reception and Poster Session**, and present the poster to viewers during the poster session at the annual conference on September 19, 2019 in Lubbock, Texas.
- Faculty sponsors are requested to attend.
- The lead author must be enrolled as a student at the time the abstract is submitted.
- The lead author must be a Student Member of TSAHP (<http://tsahp.org/renewal.html>).
- The lead author must be the sole or first author on a poster accepted for presentation.
- A faculty member at the student's educational institution must submit a letter of support. Faculty member must be a TSAHP individual member or a primary/faculty member of an institutional member.
- Although there is no student registration cost, **students must register** for the conference and are encouraged to attend the awards dinner at no cost.

Application. Student abstracts for poster presentations must adhere to the *Guide for Abstract Submissions* that follows. Abstracts should be emailed to Robert McLaughlin, Ph.D., and to Shirley McGraw, by **April 30, 2019**.

In addition, the lead student author must address the following to Dr. McLaughlin:

- A request that the poster be considered for the Student Poster Competition.
- A statement that the poster meets the above eligibility conditions.
- A letter of support confirming the applicant to be a student in good standing, from a faculty member of the student's educational institution who is a TSAHP Individual Member or a Primary/Faculty Member of an Institutional Member.

Guide for Abstract Submissions: The abstract submission must include:

1. Abstract Information Form
2. Cover Page (one page). Cover page should include the title. For each author, please provide: full name, institution/organization, mailing address, telephone number, and email address
3. Abstract (may not exceed one page). Abstract must be prepared in Word format, single-spaced and publication ready in 12-point Arial font. The abstract should include: (a) title, (b) author(s) with full names and institution/organization format, and (c) summary of the purposes, objectives, or aims; methodology or procedures; and major findings, conclusions, or evaluation.

Posters. Posters will be on display Thursday afternoon, September 19, and presenters are expected to be available during the evening reception for poster viewing. Posters should be standard size (3'x4'). Student posters are not required to adhere to the annual conference theme.

Poster Judging. Poster judges will rate each eligible poster during the conference Reception and Poster Session for adherence to good practices in poster display and quality of brief oral presentations the student researcher provides to viewers. If your poster is accepted, two weeks prior to the conference, you will be notified with instructions to upload your poster online for preliminary judging. The rubric used to rate the poster can be found on the TSAHP website.

Submit to Dr. McLaughlin and Ms. McGraw at the addresses below:

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