

## STUDENT CONTEST INFORMATION

### A. ELIGIBILITY

1. Any student who is a WSSA member and has registered to attend the current WSSA annual meeting is eligible to compete in the poster or oral presentation contest.
2. Students are eligible for participation in the Student Poster Contest and Oral Presentation Contest multiple times during a M.S. program and a Ph.D. program; however, **a student cannot** participate in both the oral presentation contest and poster presentation contest during the same annual meeting.
3. A student can only win 1<sup>st</sup> place in the poster or oral presentation contest once per degree program. Once a student places 1st in a given contest (i.e. oral or poster presentation contest), they are no longer eligible to compete in said contest during the course of their current degree program. A student may win 1st place in the poster presentation contest and 1st place in the oral presentation contest while in a M.S. or Ph.D. program; however, a student may not enter both contests at the same annual meeting. A student may win 1st place in the poster or oral presentation contest in the M.S. degree program and then compete and win 1st place for an oral or poster presentation while in a Ph.D. degree program.

### B. RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. Notice of the contests will be included with the Call for Papers.
2. A contestant may enter the poster or oral presentation contest multiple years per degree program. Persons who have graduated from a degree program (M.S. or Ph.D.) and are actively pursuing an additional degree may only enter the contest for that degree program during the first annual meeting following graduation.
3. Contestants will indicate in the title submission that they wish to enter either the poster or oral presentation contest. Title and contest declaration must be turned in by the deadline that title submissions are due. If a contestant does not turn in a title and contest declaration by the time that title submissions are due, they will be ineligible for the contest unless the Student Program Chairperson declares the student eligible based on student's situation. **ABSTRACTS FOR CONTEST PRESENTATIONS** must be submitted electronically by January 8, 2018. This

allows time for the committee to prepare copies or e-mail abstracts to the appropriate judges prior to the contest.

4. Evaluation forms are posted to the [WSSA annual meeting page](#).