

**LOUISIANA SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE  
PAPER AWARDS**

Rules will be same for each award whether member or student:

1. **Student:** Participants may include individuals who have been enrolled in a NACCLS accredited MLS or MLT program at any time during the 12 months prior to the meeting or who are currently a student.  
**Members:** Participants must be a current member of ASCLS-LA/ASCLS.
2. An award of \$150.00 will be given for the best written paper by a MLS or MLT student on any subject in the following categories: Hematology, Microbiology, Immunology, Immunohematology, Chemistry/Clinical Microscopy, Molecular or Administration/Education.
3. The electronic paper must be formatted to guidelines published in the current edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. The paper must be double-spaced on one side only of 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. There should be no information (i.e., headings) in the body of the paper or on the cover sheet to indicate author's identity since this is a blind review process. The title (without the author's name) should appear on the cover sheet as well as the first page of the manuscript. ***Papers with the author's name on the cover sheet will be rejected.***
4. An electronic copy of the paper should be emailed to the awards chairperson at the time the form is submitted. The winning paper(s) will be published on the [www.lscls.org](http://www.lscls.org) web site.
5. All references should be cited according to guidelines published in the current edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. References should peer-reviewed journals from within the last five (5) years.
6. All papers submitted must be accompanied by the official entry form.
7. Award winning papers will be selected by a committee of judges selected by the Awards Committee Chair.
8. A paper may be awarded a maximum of 70 points by each judge by awarding points for grading criteria and scientific significance. See web page [www.lscls.org](http://www.lscls.org) for the grading form.  
  
Grading Criteria (1-5):
  - a. Organization 1-8 points
  - b. Mechanics/Format 1-8 points
  - c. Process/Methods 1-8 points
  - d. Content/Reasoning 1-8 points
  - e. Impact 1-8 points
  - f. Scientific Significance 1-30 points  
(Applied or Academic)
9. A minimum of 25 points in the grading criteria AND a minimum of 16 points in scientific significance after averaging the judges scores are necessary for a paper to be considered. Both minimums must be met regardless of the total number of points earned. All awards do not have to be presented. The winning paper in each area will be determined by the highest score of qualified papers when adding the grading criteria and scientific significance together.
10. A copy of the winning paper will be forwarded to the sponsor of the award and a notice will be sent to the education coordinator / program director of the winner's MLS/MLT school informing the program that the student paper has been selected to receive the award.
11. The winner may be asked to read the paper at the ASCLS - LA annual meeting.
12. **Email entries by March 1st, 2025 to the Awards Chairperson: Emilea Haddox [haddox@ulm.edu](mailto:haddox@ulm.edu)**

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