

FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

A competition for the best M.S and Ph.D. student paper will be held at the upcoming 94rd Annual Meeting of the Florida Entomological Society, **July 24-27, 2011** at the Sanibel Harbor Resort. Awards will be made to the first, second and third place papers in each category, respectively. Students wishing to present a paper in the student paper competition must be current members of the Florida Entomological Society. Students should use the standard presentation submission form, but indicate that their paper is for the student competition. Papers should be **10 minutes long** with 2 minutes allowed for questions. The judging criteria are as follows:

Relevance of Research (15 points) – importance of subject matter to the field of entomology, proper justification of hypothesis, important questions addressed. Why should anyone care about this work? Use the first part of the talk to make us sit up and take notice of what you are doing.

Subject matter (30 points) – establishment of hypothesis and objectives, appropriate methods to accomplish objectives, appropriate conclusions on results and future directions.

Organization (20 points) – sequence of topics logical and effective; introduction, body of talk (material and methods, results), and conclusions coherent; time well used.

Delivery (15 points) – poise, audibility, expression, eye contact, use of pointer.

Visual aids (10 points) – appropriate for subject matter, legible, eye-appealing.

Handling questions (10 points) – questions made clear to audience by repeating the question so everyone can hear it; concise answers to questions, logical and appropriate. We are looking for knowledge beyond what was given in the slide presentation and your confidence in your knowledge.

Conforming to time constraints – maximum of 8 penalty points; 1 point for each 15 seconds overtime or 30 seconds undertime.

SCHOLARSHIPS, MINIGRANTS AND TRAVEL GRANTS

Each year the Florida Entomological Society presents scholarships, mini-grants for student research, and travel grants to student members at the Annual Meeting. All student information in packets should be submitted via e-mail as a SINGLE PDF document! Letters of recommendation should come via e-mail under separate cover. The format for applying for each of the Florida Entomological Society-sponsored awards are as follows:

Scholarships - The Florida Entomological Society expects to award two \$500 scholarships to students majoring in entomology or a related discipline. The application requirements are:

1. The student must be a current member of the Florida Entomological Society and a full-time student with at least one year remaining in his or her degree program. Applications from undergraduate students will be considered.

2. The application should include:

- a. A letter from the applicant, stating his or her future plans in the field of entomology.
- b. A *curriculum vitae*.
- c. Letters of recommendation from two faculty members (this can include non-faculty mentors or advisors, such as industry staff scientists).
- d. Transcripts (unofficial are fine).

Minigrants - The Florida Entomological Society expects to award mini-grants of \$250 each to student members for entomological research.

Applications should include:

1. A one-page description of the student's research (include name and contact information). Note that this description should be more than just a list of methods. Structure it as a very brief grant proposal including the question you are addressing in the research and its bigger implications to the field in general. Convey to the committee that your question is important and interesting enough for us to support it.

2. A list of the items with the final cost to be purchased.

Travel grants - The Florida Entomological Society allocates funds to assist students with the cost of attending the society's annual meeting. We really want to enhance student participation at the annual meetings, so these funds are to help you come out and interact with your local society. Students presenting posters and talks will have priority to receive these funds.

Applications should include:

1. A letter stating their purpose for attending the meeting (include name and contact information).

2. A budget including all potential sources of travel funds.

All applications should be sent via e-mail attachment no later than **June 27, 2011** and should be addressed to:

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