

2009 A-MSA UNDERGRADUATE PAPER COMPETITION GUIDELINES, PROCEDURES AND AWARDS

DEADLINE for Submission: February 1, 2009

1. Students interested in participating in the Undergraduate Student Paper Competition should register for the conference via the Online Registration and Paper Submission System at the A-MSA Conference Website. Online submission of the paper title is required (abstracts are optional).
2. All authors of a participating paper must be undergraduate students. The lead author of each paper must be registered at an accredited college or university, as an undergraduate student, and must have written the paper while registered. All communications will be with the lead author.
3. Co-authorship with other undergraduate students is permitted but **co-authorship with graduate students and faculty members is not permitted.**
4. Undergraduate students competing in the undergraduate paper competition **MUST** be current members of A-MSA.
5. The final paper must be double-spaced using 12-point Times New Roman font and not exceed 15 pages in length including all figures, tables, and references. The final manuscript must be submitted to the Undergraduate Paper Competition Chair, Dr. Tina Deshotels, (tdeshotels@jsu.edu) no later than February 1, 2009.
6. The lead author or another student author must present the paper at the annual meeting.
7. Each student author will receive a Certificate of Recognition for having his/her manuscript accepted for presentation in the competition and will be considered for the AMSA On-Line Sociological Review.
8. All Submissions will be read carefully and evaluated by Competition Judges prior to the annual meeting. The Competition Judges will select the outstanding undergraduate student paper. A special certificate will be awarded to the student author(s) of the outstanding paper. The monetary award is \$200.00 for the selected paper.
9. The outstanding paper will be announced during the banquet. In addition, the authors' names and paper title will be posted on the A-MSA website and announced in the A-MSA newsletter.

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