2023 Student Poster Contest Rules and Guidelines

Introduction
A poster presentation is a graphic display of work that stands alone as a summary of research or a project (please read through the Technical Details section of these rules for more information on display). In most cases, it contains an overview of objectives, experimental procedures, materials, results, and conclusions. The contest is intended for students enrolled in a civil or environmental curriculum in a post-secondary school. The poster should relate to water, wastewater, water resources, stormwater, or other environmental subjects.

The poster entry form must be submitted no later than Friday, October 23, 2023. The posters should be submitted via the instructions listed below. The poster must be displayed by 8:00 AM on Monday, October 30, at the Raleigh Convention Center in Raleigh, NC, in the Student/YP Area. Students are to be present with their posters for judging from 2:05 to 3:15 PM.

Judging Criteria
All posters will be judged by qualified representatives from NC One Water.

The judging criteria are listed below:

- **Originality**: The poster should deal with new ideas or improvements on “old” ideas.
- **Technical Content**: The poster should present an overview including objectives, methods, materials, results, and conclusions. The information should be clear and concise.
- **Presentation**: The quality of the poster may be enhanced with graphics, colors, photos, or other materials to clarify the information. The poster should attract its target audience from a distance.

Technical Details
1. Poster Size: The presentation will be made on a 36" x 48" poster board.
2. Be sure your poster is mounted on poster board when you bring it to the conference. Only easels will be provided, and posters cannot be taped up to the walls.
3. Posters not mounted on poster board for display will not be judged. Posters not adhering to size limitations will not be judged.
4. Each poster should contain the following information located in the right-hand corner of the poster board:
   a. Applicants Name
   b. School
c. Address
d. Phone Number
e. E-mail address

5. Typeface/font, graphic display, or picture size is at the discretion of the applicant. However, the applicant should keep in mind the criteria for judging the poster.

6. Judging will take place from 2:05 to 3:15 PM; students are to be present during that time. Judges will be talking with the students at that time, as well as other conference attendees. This is a great time for networking!

7. Prizes will be awarded immediately following the poster presentations. Posters should remain on display until 5:00 PM.

**You are advertising yourself, your university, and your advisor!**

**Awards**

First, second, and third-place winners will receive monetary awards based on the criteria set forth above. The first-place winner will also be awarded the opportunity to present at the 2024 National AWWA ACE Conference in Anaheim, CA!

**Submission Instructions**

1. Entries must be from students currently enrolled in a post-secondary school on a full-time basis with a course of study including civil, environmental, and water resources topics - such as water treatment, wastewater treatment, collection & distribution, policy & management, and special topics (industrial treatment, laboratory, stormwater, & other related water quality topics).

2. Interested students should submit the form at [https://nconewater.org/page/CollegeStudentPosterContest](https://nconewater.org/page/CollegeStudentPosterContest) by October 23, 2023.