

Submission Guidelines for Student Scholars

The 14th Annual Conference for Student Scholars at Michigan's Two- Year Colleges

Thursday, February 18, 2010

Thomas Edison Inn
Port Huron, MI

To be submitted for the conference, a paper must:

- Be written by a student or student team enrolled in a Michigan two-year college during the 2009 calendar year
- Be written for a community college course
- Fit one of the conference categories
- Be sponsored by a faculty mentor or adviser
- Be submitted electronically no later than December 11, 2009

Research Guidelines

The methods and tools of research and scholarship will vary from discipline to discipline. For example, while fieldwork might be a key methodology for an anthropology presentation, lab reports might be featured in a scientific or a technical paper or survey research findings in a social science paper.

Papers will be presented in the following five categories:

Arts and Humanities

Natural and Health Sciences

Philosophy and Religion

Social Science (includes History)

Technology

Format

- All entries must be submitted in MS Word, RTF or PDF format, printable on 8.5"x11" paper with 1" margins.
- Pages must be numbered in the upper right-hand corner.
- Papers can be a maximum length of 5000 words (approximately 20 typewritten, double-spaced pages).
- A one-page abstract is required and is not counted in the 20 pages.
- References should be incorporated according to the guidelines of the discipline (MLA, APA, etc.).
- Name of the student or college must not appear anywhere other than on the Conference Title Page for Submission of Paper.
- There will be twenty minutes for conference presentations. After all three presentations, time will be reserved for questions from the outside reviewers and from the audience.

INITIAL SELECTION

Three distinguished faculty from statewide community colleges will evaluate each submission. Three papers in each category will be selected for presentation at the conference on February 18, 2010.

CONFERENCE JUDGING

Distinguished faculty from Michigan four-year colleges or universities will judge the conference papers according to these percentages:

- **Quality and originality of the research** **35%**
- **Quality of the writing** **30%**
- **Quality of the conference presentation** **35%**

PRIZES AND RECOGNITION

- **A first prize of \$150, a second prize of \$100 and a third prize of \$50 will be awarded for each category**
- **Work presented at the conference will be published in a booklet by LAND. Copies will be distributed to all community colleges in Michigan.**