



**AEHAP**  
ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
HEALTH ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

## **EXPLANATION of and Application RULES for the 2021 STUDENT RESEARCH COMPETITION (SRC)**

### **1. Explanation of the Competition:**

The purpose of this competition is to provide graduates and undergraduates in their junior or senior year with an opportunity to present their current, recently (within the last 3 months) completed or ongoing individual research on an environmental health related topic to environmental health professionals at the National Environmental Health Association's (NEHA) annual education conference. This is an extraordinary opportunity for students to experience a professional conference, to network with potential employers and to gain experience presenting their work in a formal session and during a poster session. Some students have even landed jobs as a result of winning the competition and meeting their future employer at the conference. Further, the scholarship provides \$1,000 in cash and an all-expenses paid trip to NEHA's conference held annually each summer.

### **2. Application Requirements:**

- **Title and Abstract** (Between 150-300 words): The research title and abstract should be typed, single spaced on a single sheet of paper. The abstract will summarize your research and conclusions briefly and concisely.
- **Outline:** On a separate sheet of paper, each entry will also include a typed one-page outline of the study including:
  - the purpose of the research,
  - research methodology,
  - summary of the results and conclusions.
- All entries must be typed on standard computer paper, using at least a 10 point font.

### **3. Submission guidelines:**

One electronic copy of the abstract and outline should include the student's name, program, school and address, phone number, e-mail address, and class (junior, senior, graduate student, etc.). This copy should be signed by both the student and his/her faculty preceptor (A scanned copy of the submission that includes these signatures is acceptable).

One additional electronic copy of the abstract and outline must be submitted for distribution to members of the review committee. This must be a blind copy (i.e., it should not contain any identification of the student or his or her school).

**All entries must be submitted by February 26th, 2021 (5:00pm EST) to: Dr. Clint Pinion, Eastern Kentucky University and SRC Committee Chair at [Clint.Pinion@eku.edu](mailto:Clint.Pinion@eku.edu).**

**If you have any questions please contact AEHAP at 859-779-3143 or [clint.pinion@eku.edu](mailto:clint.pinion@eku.edu)**

#### **4. Criteria & Selection**

A panel of environmental health practitioners/faculty will select the four winners based on:

- Originality
- Scientific rigor
- Relevance to Environmental Health Science and Protection
- Three undergraduate papers and one graduate paper will be selected for the awards.
- A copy of the scoring rubric for each submission has been posted to the AEHAP website at [www.aehap.org](http://www.aehap.org).

#### **5. Notifications and Awards:**

- The winners of the competition will be notified via email by **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**
- **The award winners will be required to present a poster and perform 20-minute oral presentations at the Student Research Session of the National Environmental Health Association Conference to be held in Spokane, WA 12-15, 2021.** The exact date, time and location of the student presentations will be announced at a later date.
- The winning students will be recognized in an upcoming issue of the Journal of Environmental Health.
- The award winners will be recognized during the Opening Session of the NEHA Annual Educational Conference and their abstracts will be included in the conference CD.

#### **6. Details of the Award:**

AEHAP will provide each winner a \$1,000 award and cover travel and meeting expenses up to a maximum of \$1,000.

AEHAP will arrange and pay for the students' hotel rooms, which will be subtracted from the \$1,000 provided to cover travel and meeting expenses. Students will be responsible for any incidental expenses charged to their room.

Competition winners should make their own transportation arrangements. They will be reimbursed by AEHAP upon submission of a proper accounting and appropriate receipts for their expenditures. Examples of covered expenditures include: airfare, meals, and ground transportation.