

## **20<sup>th</sup> Biennial Southern Silvicultural Research Conference Graduate Student Oral Paper Contest and Poster Contest**

### **Eligibility**

1. Any student who has not received an award in a prior Biennial Southern Silvicultural Research Conference (BSSRC) contest at the same graduate degree level (masters or doctorate), has registered in attendance at the current BSSRC, and has conducted the research being reported in the 14-state Southern Region area or Puerto Rico is eligible to compete in these contests.
2. A student cannot participate in both the paper and the poster contests concurrently at the same BSSRC.
3. Any student who enters either contest and withdraws but delivers a paper or poster during the same BSSRC forfeits eligibility for the contest.

### **Other Information**

1. Student papers and posters will be judged by at least 2 judges.
2. Each award for the 20<sup>th</sup> BSSRC will consist of an engraved plaque and a monetary award.
3. The top 3 scores in the oral paper session and the top 3 scores in the poster session will receive awards. Note that no designations will be given for first, second, or third place.
4. Judges' evaluation sheets will not only evaluate each student's performance, but also indicate areas for improvement.
5. Judges' names will be kept anonymous on each evaluation sheet.
6. A student may request to review each judge's evaluation sheet of their performance following the awards announcement. Copies of the judge's evaluation sheets will be sent to each student upon request within one month following the conference. A mailing address or e-mail address must be provided.
7. Scoring sheets for both the oral presentation and poster presentation contests reflect the scientific method. If the scientific method is not followed (e.g., a GIS case study presentation), judges are instructed to drop categories in the evaluation sheet. Scores will be re-calculated to follow a 100-point scale as used in the scoring sheets.

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