

## **2009 WNAR Student Paper Competition!**

Monetary prizes will be awarded to the best papers in written and oral competitions. All entrants will receive their registration fees and a banquet dinner ticket for free!

**Eligibility:** Papers may be submitted to the student paper competition by current students and recent graduates (since June 1, 2008) of programs in the WNAR Region in biostatistics, statistics, or other applied mathematical fields having a biometric focus. All submitted papers must have been initiated in graduate school, where the bulk of the effort leading to the paper was put forth. Before submitting a paper, a student must register for the WNAR 2009 Conference. Attendance at the conference is also required. Students must enter both the oral and written competitions. Students having previously won a WNAR student paper competition award are excluded from subsequent competitions. Students who wish to present a paper, but do not wish to enter the competition may submit a contributed paper to the conference.

**Submission of Papers:** In order to enter the student paper competition, both an abstract and a paper must be submitted. The abstract must be submitted via the conference website by April 15, 2009. Please mark "yes" for student paper competition on the abstract submission form. Manuscripts should be prepared double spaced, in manuscript format, using Biometrics guidelines for authors. They are limited to 10 pages including tables and figures, but exclusive of references. One inch margins and at least 10 point type must be used. Reported research should be relevant to biometrics applications. The reported work must be that of the student, although collaborators may be co-authors, provided that the student is the first author. An electronic version of the paper should be sent to the Committee Chair with subject heading "WNAR Student Paper Competition". Papers must be received by April 30, 2009.

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