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HOW TO WIN

Papers are judged based on a) advancement of knowledge, b) appropriateness for a broad social science audience, c) quality and implementation of research design, d) definition and significance of topic, e) analysis of findings and discussion of their implications and f) clarity and cogency of writing. Undergraduate and graduate papers are evaluated separately. Authors of excellent papers that are not chosen for the award are eligible to receive a certificate of honorable mention.

Paper Requirements

- **Papers cannot exceed 25 pages (which include bibliography, tables, figures, appendices and other supporting materials).** Abstracts and cover sheets do not count as part of the 25 page maximum.
- **Papers longer than the 25 page maximum will not be read (strictly enforced).**
- All pages must be double-spaced and in 12 pt Arial font.
- Papers may not be theses or dissertations previously presented or published.
- **Submissions must be endorsed in writing by a professor in the entrant's field of study.**
- Authors may wish to consult the *Social Science Journal's* style guide for formatting information.

Papers must be received on or before **January 15, 2010**. Please clearly indicate (**on the COVER page ONLY**) **undergraduate or graduate status**, institutional affiliation, address, phone number and e-mail address. Send an e-mail copy (Word or rich text) to:

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The WSSA Student Paper Competition

The WSSA holds an annual Student Paper Competition. The competition is open to undergraduate and graduate students (judged separately). I want to urge you to encourage your students to submit their original research papers for the competition.

The Prize:

The winner of the best paper award receives a plaque and a cash prize of \$500, a free conference registration at the 2010 conference in Albuquerque, and a one-year free WSSA membership (which includes the *Social Science Journal*). Congratulatory letters from the WSSA President-Elect will be sent to the students' department chairs, deans, provosts and any other administrators at the students' home institutions. Those who come to the WSSA conference to present their work will receive up to two nights' hotel accommodation. Authors of excellent papers that are not chosen for the award are eligible to receive a certificate of honorable mention and congratulatory letter. This will be the 52nd year for the WSSA annual conference; which will take place April 14-17, 2010.

Deadline: The deadline for receipt of the paper is January 15, 2010.

Paper Requirements

- The cover page should include title of the paper, authors name, institutional affiliation, address and contact information (e-mail address, phone number/cell phone number).
- An abstract (not to exceed 200 words), with the title of the paper, **but NOT** the author(s)/affiliation(s).
- Paper cannot exceed 25 pages (which includes bibliography, tables, figures, appendices, and other supporting material). Cover page and abstract do not count as part of 25 page limit. The page limit is strictly enforced and papers longer than 25 pages will not be read or considered for competition.
- All pages must be double-spaced, in 12 point Arial font with 1" margin.
- Papers submitted for competition must not be thesis or dissertations previously presented or published.
- Authors should consult the *Social Science Journal* for formatting information.
- Papers should be submitted via e-mail as a separate attachment in either **Word or Rich Text** format. No hard copies will be accepted.
- All submissions **must** be endorsed by letter from a professor in the entrant's field of study. Letters can be sent to the address or fax number below. Letters should be on letterhead. Papers without the sponsoring professor's endorsement will not be accepted.

Paper Evaluation Criteria:

Papers will be evaluated based on the following criteria.

- Advancement of knowledge.
- Appropriateness for a broad social science audience.
- Quality and implementation of research design.
- Definition and significance of the research topic.

- ❑ Analysis of findings and discussion of their implications.
- ❑ Clarity and cogency of writing.

Paper Submission:

Send your papers to: Dr. Leila J. Pratt, E-mail address: Leila-Pratt@utc.edu Phone: (585) 245-5247.

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