

2025 Tennessee Entomological Society Student Paper Competition Evaluation Form



Student's Name:

Competition Category:

Title of Presentation:

Content (55 points)

1. Title concise, informative, and relevant for presentation content; judge title given at start of presentation (5 points)
2. Introduction and background with pertinent literature cited (10 points)
3. Objectives or hypotheses clearly stated and concise (10 points)
4. Materials and methods (study design) clear, concise, and appropriate to problem (10 points)
5. Interpretation of results and analysis clear, concise, and accurate and addresses needs of target audience (10 points)
6. Significance of results to field of study or teaching community and targeted audience clearly discussed (10 points)

Presentation (45 points)

1. Logical order; minimum redundancy (5 points)
2. Smooth transitions between presentation slides and sections, including speaker introducing themselves to the audience (5 points)
3. Slides use universal design principles with appropriate fonts, font sizes, high contrast images (for example, avoiding color schemes that are hard to distinguish for colorblind participants like red/green) (5 points)
4. Slides have no grammatical errors and are not excessively wordy (5 points)
5. Effective use & description of visuals (i.e. photos, diagrams, figures, and tables); do they support the presentation narrative? (15 points)
6. Appropriate volume (uses microphone if available) & speed of speech; clear communication; please note, score should not be dependent on audio equipment (5 points)
7. Effective use of time; 10-12 minutes with appropriate balance across presentation sections, with time to field audience questions effectively (5 points)