

**2026 Tennessee Entomological Society
Student Paper Competition Evaluation Form**



Student's Name:

Competition Category: ☐ **UG** ☐ **MS** ☐ **PhD**

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 / Objectives of course design or teaching/extension program clearly stated and concise with learning gaps and target audience(s) identified (10 points)
4. Materials and methods (study design) clear, concise, and appropriate to problem / Course or program design development and relevant evaluation metrics clear, concise, and appropriate for the learning gaps and audience(s) (10 points)
5. Interpretation of results (actual or potential/proposed) and analysis (current or proposed) clear, concise, and accurate and addresses needs of target audience (10 points)
6. Significance of results (actual or potential/proposed) to field of study or teaching community and targeted audience clearly discussed (10 points)

Presentation (45 points)

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

*In the event of a tie, the Student Competition Co-Chairs will use the abstract to determine the winner.