

Rules for the Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) Foundation Award Competition

1. The award is based on the quality of the manuscript and the content and style of the platform presentation display. *The award is for platform presentations only; poster presentations are not eligible.* The work should be scientific, innovative, informative, and practical. The topic of the research must be related to forensic medicine/pathology/medicolegal death investigation of pediatric deaths.
2. The work should be applicable to the practice of forensic pathology/death investigation and/or have an impact on public health, community awareness, prevention of disease or increasing awareness of a new disease phenomenon.

Additional specific judging criteria:

- Advances our understanding of sudden unexplained death in childhood
 - Contribution to pediatric medicolegal death investigation (surveillance; understanding the etiology, risk and/or protective factors)
 - Promote awareness of sudden unexplained death in childhood
 - Evidence that the author has, or intends to translate this research into action that benefits pediatric death investigation
3. The submitting author must indicate on the abstract submission site his/her desire for consideration for the SUDC Foundation Award. The Program Chairman will decide the time allotment for all abstracts in the SUDC Foundation Award competition. Submission of an abstract does NOT guarantee acceptance.
 4. The author presenting the platform must be the first author on the abstract and on the manuscript.
 5. The first author must be present to give the oral presentation during the NAME annual meeting.
 6. The abstract submission deadline date is established by the Program Chair.
 7. To qualify for the competition, a complete manuscript MUST also be submitted.
 - a. The manuscript should be written according to *American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology* (AJFMP) formatting guidelines.
<http://edmgr.ovid.com/fmp/accounts/ifauth.htm>
 - b. The complete manuscript must be submitted to Denise McNally via email at: name@thename.org no later than two weeks prior to the opening date of the annual meeting. **Any manuscripts received after this deadline will result in**

ineligibility for the award; however, the presentation will be allowed to be given.

- c. Submission of a manuscript for the competition **does not** constitute submission to *American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology* (AJFMP) for consideration of publication. All presenters, however, are encouraged to separately submit their manuscript to *American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology* (AJFMP), which has the first right of publication of all manuscripts associated with the SUDC Foundation Award Competition. *Submission of a manuscript does not guarantee publication in AJFMP.*
8. The presenting author must pay the meeting general registration fee. NAME will not be responsible for the cost of transportation to or accommodations at the meeting.
9. A minimum panel of three judges (ad-hoc committee members who are not co-authors on any of the submitted abstracts) will be present at the meeting to judge the presentations. At least five committee members will review the written papers and submit a score to the attending judges. The award recipients will be determined by the committee during the meeting. The President of NAME will be informed of the results and an appropriate award ceremony will be organized in conjunction with the ad hoc committee chairman or his/her appointed designee.
10. The award of one thousand (\$1000) dollars is sponsored by the SUDC Foundation.
11. Scoring Rubric:

<p><u>TITLE of PLATFORM</u></p> <p><u>Author</u></p> <p>Article:</p> <p>Abstract (5)</p> <p>Scientific merit (5)</p> <p>Pediatric Investigation Contribution (5)</p> <p>Translate to action (5)</p> <p>Forensic Impact (5)</p> <p>Platform:</p> <p>Content (10)</p> <p>Clarity & Organization (5)</p> <p>Professionalism (5)</p> <p>Quality of Visual Aids (5)</p> <p>TOTAL (overall)</p>
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