



MID-SOUTH SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

2020 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Deadline: September 15, 2020

The Mid-South Sociological Association invites the submission of student papers for its annual Undergraduate Student Paper Competition. The competition is open to students in the Mid-South Region and to other undergraduate students who are members of the Mid-South Sociological Association. A prize of \$50 will be awarded for the best paper. The authors of the papers selected will be presented with certificates of merit after presentations of papers at the MSSA, Inc. Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN (Oct 14-17, 2020). Students are also free to submit papers for a separate non-competitive session if they do not wish to compete.

Rules for the Competition:

- Each paper must be accompanied by a cover letter requesting participation in the undergraduate competition session. The letter must include the title of the paper, author(s) of the paper, the school affiliation, the email address and the telephone number of the author(s). It must also include the name and contact information of a faculty sponsor from the student's institution.
- Only the author's name and title of the paper should be included on the title page. The title of the paper must be repeated at the top of the first page of the text.
- The maximum length of an eligible paper shall be 20 double-spaced pages of text, not counting abstract, references, tables, and figures.
- Papers may be co-authored, but not by graduate students or faculty.
- Papers must not have been submitted for publication prior to submission for this competition.

Each of the submissions will be evaluated by a committee of scholars based on (1) originality, (2) contribution or potential contribution to the discipline, (3) clarity of arguments, and (4) mechanics (i.e. neatness, use of an appropriate format, grammar, spelling, etc.). To receive full recognition for participation, submissions must meet deadlines and participants must present their papers at the Annual Conference held each fall, and be present at the awards banquet.

Students are strongly encouraged to seek faculty advice prior to submission of papers and to include contact information for a faculty mentor or advisor.

Papers (in Word, rtf, or PDF format) should be submitted by email to Dr. Lauren Norman , MSSA Vice-President Elect, at Lauren.Norman@uncp.edu

If you have any questions regarding the competition, please contact Dr. Norman by email.

For more information, see the MidSouth Sociological Association's website at: www.midsouthsoc.org