



## Evaluation of Applicants for WDA Terry Amundson Student Presentation Award

Students will be scored on the following criteria:

1. **Background** – student provides adequate introduction and background to set the stage for the study.
2. **Hypothesis/Objectives** – hypothesis(es) to be tested and objectives of study are presented clearly and concisely.
3. **Materials and Methods** – methods are presented clearly and concisely and are adequate to test hypothesis(es) and address objectives of study.
4. **Results** – results relate directly to methodology and are presented clearly and concisely.
5. **Conclusions** – conclusions are sound, logical, and supported by data presented in results section. Management implications should be presented, where appropriate.
6. **Visual Aids/Slides** – visual aids/slides are well organized, balanced, logical, easily read and interpreted, and contain sufficient contrast to project well to a large audience.
7. **Style** – delivery is clear, audible, with proper elocution, and with suitable tone and contact to engage the audience.
8. **Innovation/Significance** – the study involves a novel approach or addresses a novel topic, and/or relates to a significant problem in the wildlife health/wildlife disease arena.
9. **TIME** – students have 12 minutes for the presentation, leaving 3 minutes for questions from the audience. Speakers running over the allotted time will be penalized.

Due to limited time for presentations, abstracts submitted for oral presentations may not all be accepted. In that instance, abstracts will be scored on a competitive basis to determine which will be chosen for the conference. Those abstracts demonstrating the qualities by which the presentations themselves are to be judged will be more competitive in the selection process. Thus, abstracts describing completed research projects and discussing conclusions based upon the data generated are much more likely to be selected for a presentation at the conference and consideration for this award.