

**American College of Surgeons – Arizona Chapter**  
**General Surgery Resident Paper Competition**  
**WeKoPa Resort & Conference Center, Fountain Hills, AZ**  
**September 21-22, 2019**

**ELIGIBILITY**

The competition is open to all general surgery residents, surgical specialty residents, and surgical fellows. Medical students are **not** eligible for the main competition but can present posters in this area of surgery.

**SCOPE**

The abstracts should describe original research in general surgery or subspecialties of general surgery. Oncology and Trauma papers should be submitted to their respective competitions.

**TIME SCHEDULE FOR SUBMISSION OF PAPERS**

Residents should submit a **one-page abstract** (format attached) to Joni Bowers at [Joni@azmed.org](mailto:Joni@azmed.org), by **midnight August 14, 2019**. A pre-selected panel of judges will rank these abstracts and residents will receive notification of the acceptance of their abstracts for presentation at the meeting by **September 3, 2019**. **The first, second and third best papers will each receive a cash prize**. The prizes are \$500 for first place, \$300 for second, and \$200 for third place.

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS**

- The abstract should be **no more than one page** and provide adequate information and objective data to evaluate the abstract properly.
- The abstract must be submitted electronically as a Word document. It is permissible to single-space the abstract. Charts and graphs may be embedded in the document as .jpeg files.
- The paper must have a title page (not included in the page count) which includes the principal author's name, the title of the abstract, the author's institution, the author's preferred mailing address, telephone number and email address. The title page is attached.
- The first page of the abstract should include the full name of the principal author, with degrees, and the full title of the abstract.
- Please specify either oral or poster presentation