

Student Paper Prize Contest Guidelines

Each year, one or more Student Paper Prizes may be awarded for the best student paper(s) presented at the Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Annual Meeting.

A. What must students submit to be considered for inclusion in the meeting program?

All students applying to be included in the annual meeting program are expected to submit:

1. A 100-word abstract of the proposed paper or poster;
2. A PDF copy of the complete text of the proposed presentation;
3. A letter of support from a faculty member at the student's home institution (on institutional letterhead) addressing the merits of the essay or poster and the student's ability to deliver it before a professional audience. This recommendation should be submitted electronically in PDF format.

B. How does one apply for consideration for a Student Paper Prize?

In addition to the three items mentioned above, students who wish to be considered for a Student Paper Prize should submit the following additional documents at the time of the program application:

1. A brief letter of application for the Student Paper Prize providing reasons why you would like to be considered for the award and why you see this particular project as worthy of the prize. Your discussion might touch on questions such as the following:
 - Why did you choose this topic for your paper?
 - How is the subject and your particular treatment of it distinctive and interesting?
 - What aspects of your study seem innovative compared to earlier treatments?
 - What did you learn through researching and writing this essay?
2. In addition to the two subjects mentioned in #A3 above, the faculty letter of support also should highlight why the recommender views this essay or poster as worthy of a Student Paper Prize.

C. How should the materials be submitted?

All the student materials should be submitted electronically as a complete dossier (*i.e.*, in one PDF file) named with the date and student's surname. The faculty letter of support may be sent separately, also as a PDF file, with the date and student's surname in the title of the file. For a regular program submission, the materials should be sent to the appropriate Program Unit Chair. For a Student Paper Prize application, the materials should be sent to the Program Unit Chair and the General Editor of [*Conversations*](#).

Student Paper Prizewinners are eligible for inclusion in the Eastern Great Lakes & Midwest Biblical Societies' annual journal, *Conversations with the Biblical World: Proceedings of the Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society & Midwest Region Society of Biblical Literature*.

By March 1st, the Student Paper Prize applicant whose submission has been accepted onto the program should forward to the [Proceedings Managing Editor](#) the final version of the paper as it is to be presented, formatted according to the *Proceedings* style sheet. The file should be submitted *both* in PDF and DOCX or RTF formats. If images or some form of slide show will accompany the presentation, the images/slide show (saved in both PDF and PPTX or compatible formats) also should be forwarded with the essay. Keep in mind that the journal is published in black-and-white formats; hence, slide shows should have light or no backgrounds and, typically, black or gray-scale text. If you think your presentation will lose substantially in the shift from color to gray-scale format, please send both the color and gray-scale versions of the presentation.