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# **midwestern criminal justice association**

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## **2011 student paper competition**

### **eligibility**

Any student who is enrolled on a full-time basis in an academic program at either the graduate or undergraduate level at the time of the 2011 Midwestern Criminal Justice Association meeting is eligible for the competition. Only students intending to participate in the 2011 Midwestern Criminal Justice Association are eligible for consideration.

### **award**

The best paper from each of the two divisions (graduate and undergraduate) will receive \$150.00 for first prize. Other notable papers may receive an honorable mention. Outstanding submissions will receive **consideration** for publication in the Journal of Crime and Justice (JCJ), a publication of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association. The student and paper award winner will also be recognized at the Business Meeting of the Association held during the 2011 Annual Conference in Chicago (September 29 to October 1, 2011). At the discretion of the Association Officers, if no paper is deemed worthy of recognition, no award will be given.

### **paper requirements**

Papers directly related to any area of criminal justice or criminology will be considered for this award. The author(s) of the paper must be a student(s). Entries for this competition are limited to a single submission. It is preferred that the JCJ format be used for the organization and preparation of text, citations, and references. Papers may not exceed 7,500 words. The author's name, department, and advisor (optional) should appear only on the title page. The next page of the manuscript should include the title of the paper and a 100 word abstract. Please submit a copy of the manuscript electronically or in hard copy along with a letter indicating the author's enrollment status co-signed by the student's dean, department chair, or program director.

### **procedure for judging entries**

The Student Paper Competition Award Committee will judge entries based on the following criteria: the significance of the topic; contribution to the area of study; command of the relevant work in the field of study; appropriate use of methodology; and the quality of the writing.

Students interested in entering **The Outstanding Student Paper Competition** must submit completed papers to Melissa Burek at the address below, no later than **September 1, 2011**. E-mail attachments in Microsoft Word format are welcome.

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