



2021 National Jr. MANRRS Contest Guidelines

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

February 15, 2021

Applies to all divisions including general contest, Jr. MANRRS, Undergraduate, and Graduate

National Society for MANRRS

Annual Career Fair and Training Conference Student Competitions

Introduction

Since its inception, MANRRS has emphasized the importance of the need for strong, effective communication skills. MANRRS has coupled this with an equal commitment to help students learn how to process research information as a necessary component to professional and academic excellence. Through programming such as the Regional Clusters and the National Conference and Career Expo, the National Society of MANRRS provides its members with opportunities to develop, refine and express their skills via networking activities and contests.

General Benefits to Jr. MANRRS Participants

- Improved ability to read, understand and handle academic and research information.
- Improved levels of confidence in discussing information in public places, with peers and employers.
- Improved diction, word power, enunciation, critical thinking, and articulation skills.
- Improved ability to speak succinctly, conveying ideas effectively.
- Improved ability to engage in the discussion of important information.
- Development of important social/business skills- communication courtesies, taking turns in conversation, disagreeing without being disagreeable, questioning, and probing the thoughts of others effectively.

Application Deadline

All contestants must submit their application package for the appropriate contest by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on **February 15, 2021**. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered for participation.

Submission

Electronic submission only at <http://info.manrrs.org/2021-contest-submission>

Faxed or emailed submissions are not accepted.

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2021 National Jr. MANRRS Contest Descriptions

1. **It is Back...Conference Theme Contest:**

The MANRRS Executive Committee is seeking suggestions from its members for the MANRRS 2022 Conference theme. All MANRRS member are encouraged to participate!

2. **Jr. MANRRS Impromptu Speaking Contest:**

The Jr. MANRRS Impromptu Public Speaking Contest is designed to develop the ability of our Jr. MANRRS members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed its content in advance. This gives the Jr. MANRRS members an opportunity to formulate their remarks for presentation in a limited amount of time. The contest requires students to “think on their feet”, state their case quickly and persuasively, and to be able to answer relevant questions based upon their presentation.

3. **Jr. MANRRS Written Essay Contest:**

This contest provides an opportunity for **Jr. MANRRS student members** to gain experience in expressing themselves through writing. Essays will be judged, and the winner selected, prior to the National Conference.

4. **Jr. MANRRS Public Speaking Contest:**

This contest provides an opportunity for **Jr. MANRRS student members** to gain experience in expressing themselves orally before an audience.

Contest Application Procedure

1. **Submission:**

A completed electronic MANRRS submission form for contests is required for each individual entry at <http://info.manrrs.org/2021-contest-submission>

2. An Advisor must approve all entries prior to submission.

3. All entries must be RECEIVED by 11:59 PM EST **February 15, 2021**. Late entries will not be accepted, no exceptions. Participants should receive an automated confirmation upon successful submission of contest entry. Participants will be notified of receipt of their items.

4. Entries submitted to the wrong contest or division will not be accepted.

5. **Requirements for Entry:**

Presenters are required to be middle or high school student members and must be in attendance at the conference. Entrants' names must appear on the national register in the office of the membership chair by January 31st. No waiver of conference registration fees will be granted to participants. The student's chapter advisor or faculty research advisor must certify that all work is that of the students.

6. **Appeal Decision:**

After the initial review by the Contest Superintendent, submissions are then forwarded to the respective judges. All decisions of the Contest Superintendent are final. There is no appeal process or opportunity to resubmit once a submission is rejected. Therefore, students are encouraged to closely follow the instructions and view samples as instructed.

7. Any questions regarding contest submissions should be directed to contest@manrrs.org

MANRRS Theme Contest

General Description

The MANRRS Executive Committee is soliciting your recommendations for the theme of the 2022, 36th National Annual Conference and Career Expo. All MANRRS members are encouraged to enter this contest.

Competencies

- Creative Thinking
- Decision Making
- Innovative

Application Requirements

The guidelines and rules for submitting a theme are as follows:

1. All suggested themes should be related to the goals and objectives of MANRRS as the organization begins its next 35 years.
2. An optional 500-word essay (maximum) elaborating on what the theme means to the contestant and how does it fit the MANRRS mission, history and future needs to be submitted.
3. Only one submission per member is allowed.
4. The MANRRS member that submits the winning theme will be awarded **\$200.00**.

Awards:

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The theme for the 2022 National Conference will be announced at the 2021 National Conference.

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Requirements:

Presenters are required to be middle or high school student members at the time of the conference and must be in attendance of the National Conference. Entrants’ name must appear on the national membership register by the contest deadline. There is no waiver of conference registration fees for participants.

General Rules:

- A. Each contestant’s written piece will be the result of the student’s own efforts. It is expected that the student will take advantage of all available training facilities in the local college/university in developing speaking and writing abilities. Facts and working data may be secured from any source.
- B. Contestants will randomly be given a topic relating to MANRRS and the industry of agriculture or its related sciences by the Jr. MANRRS Chair and Committee.

Application Procedures:

The deadline to register is 11:59 EST PM EST on February 15, 2021. All entries must be submitted on or before the contest deadline. Participants will be notified of their participation status by the Contest Superintendent.

Awards:

1st Place \$100, 2nd Place \$75, and 3rd Place \$50

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Requirements for Entry

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Rules and Instructions of Essay

- Develop a clear, concise, and well-thought essay. All essays shall be written on the following topic: “*MANRRS: Reclaiming our Time, Territory, and Triumph.*”
- Essays should be typewritten with 1’ margin and saved as a PDF file.
- Essays must be received by the contest deadline.
- To assure anonymity in reviewing, repeat only the title at the top of the first page. Number the pages of the essay. The body of the essay is limited to six (6) typewritten double space pages. The title page (cover sheet) and the references or endnotes pages **are not** included as one of the pages.
- A minimum of three references should be used.
- Essay format must conform to the American Psychological Association (APA) writing style. For more information, please consult the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.
- Essays will be judged on the basis of style and content (opening and closing paragraphs, clarity of expression, logic, and references.)

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Rules and Instructions

- A. All speeches must pertain to the conference theme- *“MANRRS: Reclaiming our Time, Territory, and Triumph.”*
- B. Complete an accurate bibliography to the Contest Superintendent. Entries must be received by the contest deadline. Electronic submission is required.
- C. A completed contest cover sheet must accompany the entry.

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