

ISP State Policy Contest - Official Contest Rules 2015

Who is eligible? Full-time or part-time BSW and MSW social work students and full-time and adjunct faculty in accredited or in-candidacy social work educational programs in the United States of America.

For Students

Awards: A total of 2 awards will be made to students (as individuals or collaborative groups): one at the BSW level and one at the MSW level. \$350 cash award will be given to each of the two winners. Group winners will share the award.

What to submit: Describe in a two (2) page, 12pt. font, double-spaced Word document a project in which you endeavored to influence or advocate for a state social policy or a piece of state legislation. State (1) the purpose of the project; (2) the outcomes of your efforts; (3) the estimated number of persons affected by your project and (4) what you learned about policy-making. Examples of such a project might include but is not be limited to: organizing clients to present testimony at public hearings; lobbying state agencies as a member of coalition; conducting a survey of legislators' viewpoints on an issue; getting a bill introduced by a legislator; planning a rally day; giving testimony before a subcommittee; designing and carrying out a research study on state policy, etc. Ask a faculty member of ISP for help or clarification about your idea for a project. Check the sample student projects for past winning student projects and other entries at www.statepolicy.org under Contest.

For Faculty

Awards: Two (2) awards will be made to faculty: one at the BSW level and one at the MSW level; \$150 cash award will be given to each of the two winners. Faculty are encouraged to promote the 2013 ISP contest among their students. Why? It's the only way a faculty member can win \$150. In order to win the faculty award at the BSW or MSW level, (1) a faculty member's student must win first place and the \$350 award in their category; and (2) the faculty member must be listed on the student's email accompanying the student's two page Word document entry as noted above. Faculty should provide their phone number and email address. Faculty may assist the student(s) without restriction.

Deadline: All entries must be received by email no later than midnight, April 1, 2015. No entries received after this date will be reviewed.

Judges: A committee of social work faculty selected by ISP will review all entries and determine the winners. Their decisions will be final.

Where to submit entry?

Please submit all BSW and MSW entries electronically at this website:

http://outgradcollege.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9ZD189FgCM5nXtX

You will need to provide contact information, your faculty sponsor, and your context entry.

When and where will awards be made? An awards ceremony will take place during the Policy Conference 2.0 in Austin, TX, May 28-30, 2015. Unfortunately, ISP cannot pay travel or lodging expenses. Hopefully, social work education programs will assist the winners, who will be notified in advance.

What will happen to your entry? All entries will be featured on the ISP website by fall, 2015.