



INTRODUCTION

The NATA Foundation Athletic Training Student Writing Contest (SWC) is named for Deloss Brubaker, who chaired the contest for its first 30 years. Through this competition, a total of \$1,000 is awarded in 3 different contest divisions. Athletic training students enrolled in professional programs are eligible to participate in the following categories of submissions:

- Original Research (\$500 award)
- Summary Evidence Research (\$250 award)
- Clinical Practice Research (\$250 award)

The contest is funded by the NATA Research & Education Foundation.

CONTEST REQUIREMENTS

- All students must be members of the NATA & have an NPI number in order to submit to the contest.
- Students (both primary, as well as all secondary, authors) must be enrolled in a CAATE accredited professional athletic training program at the time of submission as verified by their program director.
if awarded, communication and award money will be provided to the primary author
- Students enrolled in their final semester may submit an entry after the February 1 deadline and prior to their date of graduation, which will be considered for the next year's contest.
- The athletic training program director (ATPD) must be aware of the student conducting this research and submitting it to the SWC by way of signature verification on the [Program Director verification form](#).
- The ATPD must approve of this submission to the SWC.
- Only students may be authors of the submission; college/university faculty members and preceptors are not permitted to be authors, nor may they receive the monetary award.
- Student(s) may submit only one manuscript for consideration in each category. However, students may be a part of an entirely separate manuscript (with no relation to each other) that is submitted in a different category

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- All documents and signatures related to this submission are submitted electronically via the [online submission form](#). The reviewers will not provide feedback and rating.
- The single file must be labeled as follows "LastNameSWCYear". Example: "LASTNAMESWC2026". Must be an original PDF.
- All documents and signatures related to this submission must be completed in the [online submission form](#) prior.

BELOW ARE THE CATEGORIES AND THE ASSOCIATED DESCRIPTIONS FOR EXEMPLAR FULL MANUSCRIPTS:

[Original Research: Submission Guidelines](#)

[Summary Evidence Research: Submission Guidelines](#)

[Clinical Practice Research: Submission Guidelines](#)

If you have questions, please contact stephanier@nata.org