New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants
Technology Assurance Committee
2017 Technology Assurance Research Paper Contest

General
The New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants’ Technology Assurance Committee announces the 2017 “Technology Assurance Research Paper Contest” Sponsored by the Foundation for Accounting Education (FAE).

The contest is for undergraduate and graduate students attending colleges and universities in New York State. This contest is designed to encourage accounting research, foster the development of students in the profession and promote involvement in the Society’s committees and publications.

Topics
The subjects of the contest are (choose one):
- Maintaining Confidential Data in the Cloud
- Information Security in an age of Cyber Warfare
- Information Systems Auditing in a Mobile Computing Environment
- Audit and Compliance Issues with Big Data
- Investments in IT Infrastructure
- Risks of Change Management to the IT Environment
- Auditing and Accounting for Virtual Currency
- Ransomware in the Corporate Environment
- Cyber Liability Insurance
- Emerging Technology Assurance Area of Student's Choice

Contest Winners
Winners of the contest will receive the following one-time scholarships:
- First place: The author of the first place paper will receive a $1,000 scholarship
- Second place: The second place paper will receive a $600 scholarship
- Third place: The third place paper will receive a $400 scholarship

All winners will be nominated to the Society’s Technology Assurance Committee.

Winners will also have the opportunity to collaborate with a member of the Technology Assurance Committee to convert their research paper into article format to be submitted to the CPA Journal or the Trusted Professional for publication consideration.

Contest Rules
General requirements: The contest is restricted to undergraduate and graduate students who are currently attending an accredited college or university at least part-time (enrolled in at least six credit hours of classes) in the State of New York. Coauthored manuscripts are not eligible.

Entries must be submitted before June 1, 2017.
**Submission requirements:** Submissions should be submitted via electronic format. A single Word or PDF file that incorporates both the cover sheet and paper should be emailed to Keith Lazarus at klazarus@nysscpa.org with a copy to Matthew Clohessy at matthew_clohessy@keybank.com.

Cover sheets should include the contestant’s name, the college or university that they attend and a preferred e-mail address that contest winners would like to receive their winning notification.

**Format requirements:** All manuscripts should be double-spaced, except for indented quotations. Acceptable manuscripts will be a minimum of 1000 words, and should be as concise as the subject and related research permit.

**Citation and reference listing requirements:** Citations and works cited should follow the standard used at the contestant’s college or university (i.e. use of (Author, Date) system).

**Screening criteria:** The Technology Assurance Committee’s contest panel may reject any manuscript should the above requirements regarding submission not be met.

**Manuscript evaluation criteria:**
Manuscripts submitted to the Technology Assurance Committee will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. **Content:** Manuscript covers the topic area assigned; approach to topic discussion indicates originality of thought; relevant and meaningful arguments arise as a result of the research conducted by the author.

2. **Presentation:** Manuscript is organized logically with balanced arguments; clear summary integrates manuscript’s themes and gives a definitive conclusion; writing style demonstrates structurally correct sentences along with effective use of words.

Selection of winning manuscripts will be made from a panel of Committee members, including those from academia as well as active professionals. The winning authors will be notified on or before July 31, 2017.

**Sponsorship**
The Technology Assurance Student Research Paper Contest is generously sponsored by the Foundation for Accounting Education (FAE).

**Contact Information**
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