

WILSON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION 2005 Student Writing Competition

To encourage high-quality scholarship in the study of Wilson's Disease and to promote a career interest in Wilson's Disease, the Wilson's Disease Association invites Medical Students to participate in its 2005 Student Writing Competition.

Competition Topic: Promoting Physician Awareness of Wilson's Disease

The diagnosis of asymptomatic or early Wilson's Disease can lead to simple, inexpensive, benign treatment and a normal life expectancy. Delayed diagnosis may lead to severe morbidity, including hepatic failure, neurologic impairment and severe psychiatric disease. The Wilson's Disease Association aims to raise professional awareness and competence in diagnosing and treating asymptomatic or early Wilson's Disease.

Requirements:

Who is Eligible to Enter?Medical students in accredited medical schools.
Maximum Submission Length..... Not less than three nor more than four pages double spaced
12-point font, including footnotes.
Information.....Student name, address, phone number, E-mail address,
medical school, school address and faculty sponsor.
Submission Deadline.....US Postal Service postmarked on or before January 10,
2005.
Form of Submission..... 3-1/2 inch diskette in MS Word or Adobe Acrobat format.
Mail to..... Writing Competition, Wilson's Disease Association,
1802 Brookside Drive, Wooster, Ohio 44691. If you need
more information, contact the Association's Executive
Director: "Kimberly F. Symonds"<wda@sssnet.com> or
call 888-264-1450

Judges Judges will be members of the Wilson's Disease Association Medical Advisory Committee, officers of the Association and/or other qualified individuals. Criteria will include originality, thoroughness, carefulness of research, and quality of writing.

Awards The First Place awardee will receive one thousand dollars plus an all-expense-paid trip (travel, lodging and registration fee in accordance with Wilson's Disease Association rules) to the April 29 – May 1, 2005 Coral Gables (Miami), Florida meeting of the Wilson's Disease Association, where the cash prize will be awarded. The First Place submission will be considered for publication on the Wilson's Disease Association website and in its publication, *The Copper Connection*.

Second and Third Place awards will be \$350 and \$250, respectively.

Each award winner's faculty sponsor will receive a complimentary one-year membership in the Wilson's Disease Association and free registration at the 2005 Wilson's Disease Association annual meeting.