

NASW Annual Conference March 29-31, 2023

2023 Student Poster Presentation Guidelines

Join us at the 2023 NASW Conference and participate in the **Student Poster Presentations and Competition!** All BSW and MSW students are welcome to participate. This is a fun way to practice your presentation and networking skills in a supportive environment. This is also a good way for the social work programs around the state to highlight student accomplishments.

There will be designated times at the conference for you to present your work. The poster sessions will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2023. You will be asked to stand with your poster 2 times during the day for about 1 hour each time to discuss your poster with conference attendees as they walk through the poster session. Your poster presentation should take 8-10 minutes.

Poster Categories

Category 1: Innovative programs or interventions from field placement (internship) experience. Innovative is defined as new ways to address old problems. Programs or interventions may include therapeutic models, funding sources, partnerships, or other cutting-edge ideas for helping social work clients or the social work profession.

Category 2: Public policy that is current or relevant to social work practice. Public policy poster submissions must include the following: poster defines the social policy or issue clearly; poster states the policy as it currently is and analyzes its strengths and limitations; poster identifies vulnerable and at-risk populations and specific ways in which these groups are impacted by the current policy; poster incorporates the six core values of the social work profession identified in the NASW Code of Ethics into the overall policy analysis; poster states at least five recommendations to improve current policy. These recommendations should incorporate all levels of social work practice and may include examples of how other states have addressed this same policy issue.

Category 3: Graduate research project or practice evaluation. This should be a completed project. This may be the student's work OR something that a student worked on with a faculty member or community practitioner. **(Masters students only)**

Presentation Proposal Requirements

Submit a presentation proposal by **March 10, 2023**.

The proposal must include:

- Your name and email address.
- Whether you are a graduate or undergraduate student.
- Poster category (see above) and title of presentation.
- 3 learning/educational objectives for people who view your poster and hear your presentation.
- 100 word abstract of presentation.

Size of poster. Poster should be no smaller than 2x3 and no larger than 3x4. Poster should be hard backed and appropriate for display on an easel. Tri-fold poster boards are acceptable but note that a tri-fold does not display as well as a flat poster on an easel.

Benefits of Presenting

- Opportunity to show your work to peers and professional community.
- Opportunity to network with other social workers (students and professionals).
- Potential recognition of high quality work in poster competition. One winner will be selected from each category, in addition to an overall BSW winner and an overall MSW winner. Winners will be announced at the conference awards ceremony on Friday.

Awards

An award will be given in each of the 3 poster categories. For categories 1 and 2, there will be an award for a BSW and MSW student or team. For category 3, there will be an award for an MSW student or team. There will also be an award for overall best poster. The awards will be presented at the awards luncheon on Friday.

Other items of note

- Presentations should be creative and interesting.
- Be prepared to discuss your poster.
- Please put your name and the name of your school on the **back** of the poster.
- You may submit proposals for team presentations. Please limit teams to 6 members or less.
- Submit proposals in **Word format only** to Holly Barron at hbarron.naswar@socialworkers.org by **March 10, 2023**.