

Student Paper Award

The American Association of Professional Apiculturists (AAPA) offers a \$50 cash award for the best student paper presented at the American Bee Research Conference (ABRC). Both graduate students and undergraduates are eligible for this award. The paper must involve the genus *Apis*. Titles for the papers need to be submitted at the designated deadline for the ABRC to be eligible for this competition.

All papers presented by students at the ABRC that fit the above criteria will be part of the competition, unless they request to be excluded. Papers will be evaluated for (1) written title and abstract [10 points], (2) presentation [60 points], and (3) quality of research [30 points]. Papers will be evaluated by a three-judge panel, and a competitor's final score will be the sum of the points awarded by the three judges. In the event of a tie, the three judges will meet and select one awardee. Comments from the judges will be returned to competitors to help strengthen their presentation skills.