

### **Young Author Award Guidelines:**

1. Young Authors are defined as a participant of the age of 35 years or younger in the year of the Symposium.
2. Young Authors must be primary authors and not a junior author. The Young Author must be the sole presenter. To be considered in the competition, Young Authors must complete and submit with their abstract, The Young Author Registration Form found on the HGS website.
3. There is no degree requirement for the Young Author competition.
4. The Local Committee will provide the Young Author papers to the National Steering Committee's Young Author Committee for review and ranking of Young Author papers. Based on the technical merits of the papers received, the Review Committee will determine how many awards there will be for that particular year. There is no guarantee that an award will be made if the papers do not meet expectations.
5. Final paper ranking will be provided to the Local Committee for Young Author notification and award. Based on the ranking, the Local Committee may provide up to three (3) awards to Young Authors. **Awards will consist of:**
  - a. **Complimentary Full Registration for the selected Young Authors to next year's HGS.**
  - b. **A check award in the amount of \$1000 to the top ranked author, \$750 to the second and \$500 to the third ranked author. As noted above, there is no guarantee that an award will be presented, but three (3) is established as the maximum. This award is intended as an award or scholarship and is not necessarily established to cover travel costs associated with attending the Symposium. The Young Author will be notified of the award during the Symposium, typically at the Symposium Banquet and each Young Author Award winner must attend and present their paper to receive the award. All Young Author(s) will be acknowledged and awards presented at the Banquet. Additionally, Young Author Award winners will be listed in the Proceedings and Website and this list will be updated each year to reflect current and past recipients of the award. A plaque will be presented to the top ranked Young Author each year.**