

# How Sharp Are You?

## The Sharps Compliance, Inc. Fall 2020 Scholarship Essay Contest

### Fall 2020 Scholarship Details

Accepting essays beginning: April 20, 2020

Entry deadline: May 31, 2020

Winners will be announced: June 19, 2020

First Prize: \$1,500

Second Prize: \$1,000

Third Prize: \$750

### Eligibility

To be eligible to win Sharps' scholarship, you must be a U.S. or Canadian citizen and have been accepted to, or be currently enrolled full-time as an undergraduate, in an accredited university for the Fall 2020 semester in healthcare related studies. Proof of enrollment of Fall semester is required.

### Topic: Single-Use Device Infections

Nosocomial infections, or HAI (hospital-acquired infections) pose both operational and legal issues for healthcare providers. The reuse of devices intended and engineered for single use is common, particularly with regards to expensive scopes utilized in diagnostic and interventional procedures. Nosocomial infections arising from the reuse of scopes is a well-documented problem, though the FDA allows for the reuse of such devices. Please explain which metrics healthcare providers and regulatory bodies should consider when weighing the cost-to-benefit implications in the reuse of single-use instruments.

### Rules and Regulations

- There is no entry fee or cost to the writer. No funds will be solicited by Sharps Compliance, Inc. now or at any time in the future with regard to this scholarship.
- The scholarship is not open to persons, or relatives, previously or currently affiliated with Sharps Compliance, Inc., in any capacity.
- All essays submitted become property of Sharps Compliance, Inc.
- Submissions must be 1,250 to 1,500 words.
- Essays are to be submitted with a signed copy of this form.
- You may submit your essay via email to [scholarship@sharpsinc.com](mailto:scholarship@sharpsinc.com) or by mail to:  
Attn: Michele Guzman  
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- Cash prizes will be made payable to individual first, second, and third place winners.
- Sharps Compliance, Inc. reserves the right to pay cash prizes directly to the winner's university.
- The essays will be judged by a panel of individuals selected by Sharps Compliance, Inc. whose decisions are final. No discussions or rationale for their decision will be given.
- Please include contact information, as winners will be contacted via phone or email.
- All sources must be cited properly in order to be eligible to win.

**Direct any questions you may have to [scholarship@sharpsinc.com](mailto:scholarship@sharpsinc.com).**

**Eligibility**

In order to be selected as a winner, please fill out the information below, and attach a copy to your final submission. All applications received without this form will be automatically disqualified.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**University:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Major:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**University Registrar's Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**University Registrar's Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*By signing this form, you agree to all of Sharps' rules, regulations and eligibility requirements. Sharps Compliance has the right to publish the winning essay on their website.