

CBD-IAI 2027 Poster Contest Guidelines

CONTEST OVERVIEW

Present your research, case studies or process demonstrations at the 2027 Chesapeake Bay Division-IAI Educational Conference.

All participants will receive free registration to the conference on Tuesday, February 2nd.

(Free Registration includes: Participation in all educational content scheduled on Tuesday, Vendor Reception Brunch Event, all snack breaks and Banquet Dinner)

EVENT TIMING & LOCATION

- **Location:** Omni Hotel: 212 Ridge McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903
- **Poster Display Timing:** Tuesday, February 2nd @ 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- **Presenter Attendance:** Participants are expected to remain by their posters from **12:00 PM – 12:30 PM** and **2:30 PM – 3:00 PM** to present and answer questions.
- **Winners Presentation:** Tuesday, February 2nd @ 6:30 PM at the Banquet Dinner
 - Although we hope you do plan to attend the Banquet Dinner, prize winners can receive their prize via mail at a later date.

CONTEST GUIDELINES

- **Contest Application:** Each poster must have an application submitted.
 - Submit your application via this link: [2027 CBD-IAI Poster Contest Application](#)
 - Your application will be confirmed and accepted via email response 2-3 weeks after submission; no posters will be accepted after **December 31, 2026**.
- **Deadline:** Applications must be submitted online before **December 31, 2026**.
- **Poster Dimensions:** Display boards are **36" wide by 48" high** (3' x 4'). Posters must be pre-mounted OR formatted to fit display board dimensions specified.
- **Presenters:** Maximum of two presenters permitted per application.
- **A/V Equipment:** Audio/video or electrical equipment will not be provided.
- **Eligible Disciplines:** Biometric Technology, Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Crime Scene Investigation, Digital/Multimedia Evidence, Facial Identification, Footwear/Tire Track, Forensic Art, Photography/Electronic Imaging, Latent Print Development/Identification, Ten Print Identification, Shooting Incident Reconstruction, DNA Evidence, or General Forensics.
- **Publication:** In addition to the poster contest, your topic may be submitted to the CBD-IAI editor: editorcbdiai@gmail.com, for publication in the Chesapeake Examiner Magazine.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Deadline:** Applications must be submitted online before **December 31, 2026**.
- **Required Fields for Submission:**
 - **Presenter Info:** First & Last Name, Title, Agency, Email, Phone Number.
 - **Poster Title:** Strictly limited to 75-characters (subject to editing).
 - **Abstract:** Single paragraph description of your topic (75-word limit).
 - **Presenter Biography:** Single paragraph (100-word limit per presenter).
 - **Additional Presenter Info:** Details for Presenter 2 (if applicable).

Judging

- Submissions will be judged by CBD-IAI designees on
Tuesday, February 2nd from 12:00 – 12:30PM and 2:30 – 3:00PM.
- Winning posters will be selected based on:
 - Adherence to the rules and guidelines of the contest
 - Poster appearance, ease of comprehension and novelty of the topic
 - Presenter's ability to explain their work and answer questions

CONTEST PRIZES (Group Presenters will split the prize money)

- 1st Place: \$75
- 2nd Place: \$50
- 3rd Place: \$25

QUESTIONS?

For questions regarding the contest or application process, please contact **Meredith Coon** at **MeredithACoon@gmail.com**.