

**Mailer 2 - Individual Registration & Symposium Information**  
**2025 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium**  
**Hosted by Mississippi State University**  
**March 6 – March 8, 2025**



January 15, 2025

Dear ASCE Student Chapter of the ASCE Gulf Coast Student Conference:

This is your **2025 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium** Mailer 2, the second of three informational packets to be sent to each of the participating ASCE Student Chapters in our Student Conference.

Please carefully read this information and forward copies to the appropriate members in your ASCE Student Chapter and team members for each team competing at the student symposium. Do not delete this mailer as information given within may not be repeated in subsequent mailers. Enclosed you will find the following information:

- Individual Registration & Mailer 2 Confirmation,
- Upcoming deadlines,
- Business Meeting,
- ASCE Pop-Up Leadership Workshops,
- Tentative Symposium Schedule,
- Tentative Presentation Schedule,
- Society Competition Information,
- Local Competition Information,
- Student Symposium Paper Competition,
- ASCE Eligibility Requirements,
- Hotel Information.

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*Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Mailer 2 Acknowledgment Form by January 24, 2025.*

*Please note the individual registration deadline is February 20, 2025.*

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If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at our general student symposium e-mail address, listed below. All symposium information such as events, mailers, policies, rules, etc. will be posted on our website and are also listed below.

We look forward to your participation in the 2025 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium and providing an opportunity to engage with other student chapters and ASCE Region Leadership.

Sincerely,

*Olivia Keeter*  
President, ASCE Student Chapter  
Mississippi State University

*Thomas Lynn*  
Chair, 2025 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium

<b>ASCE Student Symposium website</b>	<a href="https://studentsymposium.asce.org/gulf-coast/">https://studentsymposium.asce.org/gulf-coast/</a>
<b>General symposium email address</b>	<a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> (Please provide your contact information in the message when emailing to this address)
<b>LinkedIn Group</b>	2025 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium ( <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14547742">https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14547742</a> )

# Individual Registration Form & Payment

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## **STEP 1 - Mailer 2 Receipt Confirmation - *required***

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Follow the link below to complete the Mailer 2 Receipt Confirmation due no later than January 24, 2025.

Mailer 2 Receipt Confirmation Link – <https://forms.office.com/r/WKwDFm9HXE>

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## **STEP 2 - Individual Registration Form - *required***

[Individual Registration Form](#) is due before February 20, 2025.

Please visit our symposium website at [Individual Registration - Gulf Coast](#) to register for the 2025 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium.

The [Individual Registration Form](#) must be filled out by *ALL individuals* attending the symposium including chapter members, team competitors, chapter spectators, guest teams, faculty advisors, volunteers, judges, and ASCE Region Leadership. *The [Individual Registration Form](#) contains liability waiver information required by ASCE that must be reviewed and acknowledged by every individual attending, participating, and/or spectating at the symposium.*

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## **STEP 3 - Individual Registration Payment - *required***

Individual Registration is \$70 per person. Registration form and payment are due by February 20 (postmarked).

Make check payable to Mississippi State University or include a payment link  
Attn: Merri Kilpatrick  
Richard A. Rula School of Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Box 9546  
Mississippi State, MS 39762

If it is not possible to pay via check, then email [asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu](mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu) to learn how to pay bulk individual registration payments online. In the email please provide your contact information (name, email, phone number). Bulk registration payments will need to include the list of individuals covered under that registration payment to include full names. All attendees must complete the registration form, even if the registration payment is submitted in one payment.

If your chapter is not participating in the 2025 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium, please email [asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu](mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu).

*If your chapter will NOT be participating in the 2025 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium, please email [asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu](mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu)*

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# Important Upcoming Deadlines

**We highly recommend that you share this information with your chapter, including any competition captains.**

## 2025 DEADLINES

<p><b>ASCE is still accepting Statement of Intent Forms for Society Competitions!</b></p>	<p>Statement of Intent &amp; Acknowledgement of Eligibility Requirements Form due from each team intending to compete in a Society-wide or Society Pilot Competition – Concrete Canoe, Student Steel Bridge, Sustainable Solutions, Surveying, Construction Institute, Timber-Strong, and 3D Printing.</p> <p><i>One form is required for each competition <b>and</b> must be filled out by the team captain and faculty advisor. <u>Each individual will submit a separate form.</u></i></p> <p><i>* Concrete Canoe forms can be found in the <a href="#">2025 ASCE Concrete Canoe Request for Proposal Rules</a>. Concrete Canoe forms submitted after November 1, 2024, at 5:00 pm Eastern will be considered late submissions and subject to deductions.</i></p> <p><u>There is still time to complete a Statement of Intent Form to compete in an ASCE Society Competition!</u></p> <p><a href="#">Statement of Intent to compete for Steel Bridge, Surveying, Sustainable Solutions</a>  <i>(must be completed by the team captain &amp; the faculty advisor separately)</i></p> <p><a href="#">Statement of Intent to compete for Construction Institute &amp; Timber-Strong</a>  <i>(must be completed by the team captain &amp; the faculty advisor separately)</i></p>
<p><b>January 6, by 5:00 pm Eastern</b></p>	<p>The Surveying Competition Topographic Mapping Project was released to teams by 5:00 pm EST on the <a href="#">ASCE UESI Surveying Competition Collaborate Site</a>.</p>
<p><b>January 15</b></p>	<p>Mailer 2 sent to each student chapter.</p>
<p><b>January 31</b></p>	<p>Timber-Strong Design Build Phase One Project deliverables are due. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE)</i></p> <p><i>Each Timber-Strong Design Build team member who is a builder must complete the <a href="#">Ladder Training Safety</a> online course and submit certification of completion to Cerberus before project work begins.</i></p>
<p><b>January 24</b></p>	<p>Mailer 2 Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.</p>
<p><b>February 1</b></p>	<p>ASCE Student Chapter Annual Reports are due by <b>11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time</b> to ASCE. <i>(More information on the Annual Reports can be found <a href="#">here</a>. If you have questions on your Annual Report, email <a href="mailto:student@asce.org">student@asce.org</a>). Submitting the ASCE Student Chapter Annual Report is an <a href="#">eligibility requirement</a> to compete at the Student Symposia Competitions and to advance to Society-wide Competition Finals. See the <a href="#">eligibility requirements</a> for details.</i></p>

<b>February 1</b>	ASCE Student Chapter annual dues must be paid, as received by ASCE, no later than <b>11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time</b> . <i>Paying ASCE Student Chapter annual dues is an <a href="#">eligibility requirement</a> to compete at the Student Symposia Competitions and to advance to Society-wide Competition Finals. See the <a href="#">eligibility requirements</a> for details.</i>
<b>February 3</b>	ASCE Construction Institute Student Symposium Competition Team Form is due. <i>Links to the form will be sent from ASCE to team captains and faculty advisors per information provided on intent forms.</i>
<b>February 10</b>	Sustainable Solutions Competition Technical Design Proposal, Envision Checklist and Criteria Justification, Public Outreach Poster, and Sketchup files are due. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE)</i>
<b>February 13</b>	Concrete Canoe Project Proposal, Mix Design Sheets, & Materials Notebook due. <i>(Upload to respective folder link provided by ASCE)</i>
<b>February 14</b>	Concrete Cornhole Competition mix design due to <a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> (Please provide your contact information in the message when emailing to this address). Include in the subject line: Concrete Cornhole Mix Design: "University Name" (for example: Concrete Cornhole Mix Design Mississippi State University)
<b>February 14</b>	Water Resources Competition Notice of Intent due to <a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> (Please provide your contact information in the message when emailing to this address)
<b>February 14</b>	Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due to <a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> (Please provide your contact information in the message when emailing to this address)
<b>February 14</b>	Prestressed Mini-Beam Competition Notice of Intent due to <a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> (Please provide your contact information in the message when emailing to this address): The team captain must provide the following: (1) name and email address of the team captain; and (2) names of the team members. Earlier notifications to <a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> are encouraged.
<b>February 17</b>	Buried Structure Competition Notice of Intent due to <a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> (Please provide your contact information in the message when emailing to this address)
<b>February 20</b> (postmarked by)	Attendee Registration is due.
<b>February 21</b>	Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.
<b>February 24</b>	Surveying Competition Topographic Mapping Project Plans due by 5:00 pm EST <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE)</i>
<b>February 27</b>	Mailer III Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.

<b>February 28</b>	Timber-Strong Design Build Phase Two Project deliverables are due. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE)</i>
<b>February 28</b>	Timber-Strong Design Build Phase Three Project deliverables are due. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE)</i>
<b>February 28</b>	Timber-Strong Design Build - All Change Orders and final submittals are to be uploaded to ASCE's Cerberus ftp server. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE)</i>
<b>February 28</b>	Final Date for Late Registrations
<b>March 3</b>	T-Shirt Competition Notice of Intent due to <a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> (Please provide your contact information in the message when emailing to this address)
<b>March 3</b>	Civil Engineering Video Competition Notice of Intent due to <a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> (Please provide your contact information in the message when emailing to this address)
<b>March 6</b>	Stormwater Competition: The team captain must state their Notice of Intent to participate in this competition at the symposium registration desk and provide the following: (1) name and email address of the team captain; and (2) names of the team members. Earlier notifications to <a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> are encouraged.
<b>March 6</b>	Transportation FE Speed Exam Competition: The team captain must state their Notice of Intent to participate in this competition at the symposium registration desk and provide the following: (1) name and email address of the team captain; and (2) names of the team members. Earlier notifications to <a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> are encouraged.
<b>March 6</b>	Tug of War Competition: The team captain must state their Notice of Intent to participate in this competition at the symposium registration desk and provide their email address. Earlier notifications to <a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> are encouraged.
<b>March 6</b>	March Madness Free Throw Competition: The team captain must state their Notice of Intent to participate in this competition at the symposium registration desk and provide the following: (1) name and email address of the team captain; and (2) names of the team members. Earlier notifications to <a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> are encouraged.
<b>March 6</b>	Starkvegas Ping Pong Competition: The team captain must state their Notice of Intent to participate in this competition at the symposium registration desk and provide their email address. Earlier notifications to <a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> are encouraged.
<b>March 6</b>	Foosball Ping Pong Competition: The team captain must state their Notice of Intent to participate in this competition at the symposium registration desk and provide their email address. Earlier notifications to <a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> are encouraged.
<b>March 6</b>	Mystery Fluid Mechanics Competition: The team captain must state their Notice of Intent to participate in this competition at the symposium registration desk and provide their email address. Earlier notifications to <a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> are encouraged.



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<b>March 6</b>	Pop-Up Leadership Workshop Competition: The team captain must state their Notice of Intent to participate in this competition at the symposium registration desk and provide their email address. Earlier notifications to <a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> are encouraged.
<b>March 6</b>	Water Resources and Environmental Engineering PE Team Exam Competition: The team captain must state their Notice of Intent to participate in this competition at the symposium registration desk and provide the following: (1) name and email address of the team captain; and (2) names of the team members. Earlier notifications to <a href="mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu">asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu</a> are encouraged.
<b>March 6-8</b>	<b>2025 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium</b>

## **Business Meeting ([Eligibility Requirement](#))**

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The Business Meeting is *tentatively* scheduled to take place on Friday, March 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm. Watch for the draft business meeting agenda that will be distributed via email to student chapters for review before the symposium.

The business meeting is the annual meeting for the Student Conference Board of Delegates. The Board of Delegates consists of two student delegates (*preferably a senior or junior in an ASCE leadership position and a sophomore in or aspiring to an ASCE leadership position*) and the faculty advisor from each student chapter.

The draft agenda will include unresolved discussion topics from the 2024 Business Meeting, the future host rotation, new business, the discussion and finalization of the Conference Policy and Procedures document, and other topics specific to the ASCE Gulf Coast Student Conference Region.

Each student delegate must be a member in good standing with their student chapter and ASCE. Each student chapter in the Student Conference has one vote. **At least one member of your ASCE student chapter must participate in the Business Meeting as part of the eligibility requirements to advance to finals for Concrete Canoe, Steel Bridge, Sustainable Solutions, and Surveying.**

**[Click here for ASCE Eligibility Requirements](#)**

## ASCE Pop-Up Leadership Workshops

A graphic with a dark blue background and an orange banner at the bottom. The text 'ASCE Pop-Up Leadership Shop' is written in white and orange. The 'U' in 'Pop-Up' is orange and has a small orange triangle above it. There are several orange triangles of varying sizes scattered around the text. The banner at the bottom contains the text 'Coming to Your Regional Symposium' and 'SPRING 2025' in white.

**ASCE Pop-Up Leadership Shop**

Coming to Your Regional Symposium **SPRING 2025**

Don't miss the opportunity to learn about professional skills you can use now and after graduation to help you get ahead. Pop-Up Leadership Workshops, presented by the Committee on Student Members and other Region leaders, will be held throughout the Symposia.

### **2025 ASCE Pop-Up Leadership Topics**

- *The FE Exam and the Path to the PET*
- *What Would You Do? Ethics & Professional Conduct*
- *What is Your Personality Type? Understanding Each Other*



# Tentative Student Symposium Schedule

## Drug and Alcohol-Free Events

The use of drugs and alcohol is prohibited at all ASCE Student Symposium events.

Thursday (3/6)		Friday (3/7)		Saturday (3/8)	
Event	Time	Event	Time	Event	Time
Registration Begins	12:00 to 3:00	Canoe Drop Off / Canoe Meeting	7:00 to 8:00	Construction Institute Planning	8:00 to 11:00
ASCE Table	12:00 to 3:00	Canoe Display	7:30 to 10:00	Buried Structure	8:00 to 12:00
MS Board of Licensure PEPLS Table	12:00 to 3:00	Surveying Field Tasks	7:30 to 5:00	Paper Presentations	8:00 to 12:00
Navy Table	12:00 to 6:00	ASCE Pop-Up Leadership Workshop	8:00 to 9:15	Concrete Canoe Presentations	8:00 to 4:00
Starkvegas Foosball	12:00 to 6:00	Concrete Cornhole	8:00 to 11:00	Starkvegas Foosball	8:00 to 4:00
ASCE Pop-Up Leadership Workshop	2:00 to 3:00	Starkvegas Ping Pong	8:00 to 4:00	Steel Bridge Competition	8:00 to 5:00
Concrete Cornhole Weigh-In	2:00 to 5:00	Prestressed Mini-Beam Construction	8:30 to 3:30	Timber-Strong Design Build	8:00 to 5:00
Steel Bridge Display	2:00 to 6:00	Wat. Res. and Env. Eng. PE Team Exam	9:15 to 12:00	Sustainable Solutions Poster	8:00 to 5:00
Welcome Remarks	3:00 to 3:30	Swamp Test	9:30 to 10:30	Surveying Topo Map	8:00 to 5:00
Ice Cream Social	3:00 to 6:00	March Madness Free Throw Competition	10:00 to 2:30	Water Resources	8:00 to TBD
Transportation FE Speed Exam	3:30 to 5:00	Concrete Canoe Races	10:30 to 5:00	Prestressed Mini-Beam Break Test	9:00 to 2:00
Judges Meeting	4:00 to 5:00	Tug of War	11:00 to 3:30	Stormwater	10:00 to 12:00 or 1:00 to 3:00
Canoe Captains Meeting	5:00 to 6:00	Lunch	12:00 to 1:00	Sustainable Solutions Presentations	10:00 to 4:00
Surveying Captains Meeting	5:00 to 6:00	T-Shirt Contest	12:30 to 1:30	Surveying Presentations	10:30 to 4:30
Faculty Advisor Social	5:00 to 6:00	T-Shirt Poster Presentation	1:30 to 3:00	ASCE Pop-Up Leadership Workshop	11:00 to 12:00
Sustainable Solutions Captains Meeting	5:00 to 6:00	Mystery Fluid Mechanics	2:00 to 3:00	Construction Institute Presentations	11:00 to 4:00
Steel Bridge Captains Meeting	5:00 to 6:00	Business Meeting	6:00 to 7:30	Lunch	12:00 to 1:00
Timber-Strong Design Build Captains Meeting	5:00 to 6:00	Networking	6:00 to 9:00	Civil Engineering Video	1:00 to 5:00
				Awards Banquet	6:00 to 9:00

# Tentative Presentation Schedules

<b>Student Symposium Paper Presentations</b> <b>Date: March 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
University of South Alabama	8:00
University of Alabama in Huntsville	8:15
Southern University and A&M College	8:30
Alabama A&M University	8:45
McNeese State University	9:00
Louisiana State University and A&M College	9:15
University of Alabama at Birmingham	9:30
University of Mississippi	9:45
University of Alabama	10:15
University of New Orleans	10:30
Auburn University	10:45
Jackson State University	11:00
Mississippi State University	11:15
Louisiana Tech University	11:30
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	11:45

<b>Sustainable Solutions Presentations</b> <b>Date: March 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
Alabama A&M University	10:00
University of South Alabama	10:20
Louisiana Tech University	10:40
University of Alabama	11:20
Auburn University	11:40
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	1:00
Mississippi State University	1:20
University of Alabama at Birmingham	1:40
University of New Orleans	2:00
Southern University and A&M College	2:40
Jackson State University	3:00
University of Alabama in Huntsville	3:40

<b>Concrete Canoe Presentations</b> <b>Date: March 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
University of Alabama	8:00
University of Alabama in Huntsville	9:00
McNeese State University	9:45
Jackson State University	10:15
Auburn University	1:00
Louisiana Tech University	1:30
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	2:15
University of New Orleans	2:45
University of South Alabama	3:15

<b>Surveying Presentations</b> <b>Date: March 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
<u>School</u>	<u>Timeslot</u>
University of New Orleans	11:00
Louisiana Tech University	11:20
University of South Alabama	11:40
McNeese State University	1:00
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	1:20
Mississippi State University	1:40
University of Mississippi	2:00
University of Alabama in Huntsville	2:20
University of Alabama	3:00
Alabama A&M University	3:20
Auburn University	3:40
Jackson State University	4:00

# Society Competition Information

## SOCIETY COMPETITIONS AT THE 2025 ASCE GULF COAST STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

### Society-wide Competitions

ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition



ASCE UESI Surveying Competition <sup>a</sup>



AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition



ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition <sup>b</sup>



### Society Pilot Competitions

ASCE Construction Institute Competition



ASCE Timber-Strong Design-Build Competition



<sup>a</sup> ASCE UESI Surveying Competition teams should plan to bring two plan sets (one set for presentations and one set for display)

<sup>b</sup> ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition teams are encouraged to bring their own foam, pool noodles, duct tape, etc. in case their canoe does not float during the swamp test. Canoe races will commence after the swamp test. There will be some time for teams to repair their canoes immediately after the swamp test, but there will likely be insufficient time to drive to a store to purchase materials and then repair the canoe.

Society competition rules can be found at:

<https://www.asce.org/communities/student-members/conferences/rules>

# Local Competition Information

## LOCAL COMPETITIONS AT THE 2025 ASCE GULF COAST STUDENT SYMPOSIUM\*

<b>Student Symposium Paper &amp; Competition</b> <i>Participation is a requirement for advancement to Society-wide competition finals and SSBC National Finals</i> (February 14 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>Concrete Cornhole Competition</b> (February 14 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>Prestressed Mini-Beam Competition</b> (February 14 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>Tug of War Competition</b> (March 6 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>Stormwater Competition</b> (March 6 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>March Madness Free Throw Competition</b> (March 6 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>Transportation FE Speed Exam Competition</b> (March 6 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>T-Shirt Competition</b> (March 3 <sup>rd</sup> )
<b>Civil Engineering Video Competition</b> (March 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	<b>Starkvegas Ping Pong Competition</b> (March 6 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>Buried Structure Competition</b> (February 17 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>Starkvegas Foosball Competition</b> (March 6 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>Water Resources and Environmental Engineering PE Team Exam Competition</b> (March 6 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>Mystery Fluid Mechanics Competition</b> (March 6 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>Water Resources Competition</b> (February 14 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>Pop-Up Leadership Competition</b> (March 6 <sup>th</sup> )

\* Dates shown in parenthesis are either the due date for the first required deliverable or the due date for competition registration

**Competition rules can be found on our website at**  
<https://studentsymposium.asce.org/gulf-coast/competitions/>

Once you access the link shown above you will be able to view the summaries of each competition planned to be held at the 2025 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium. Within the regional and spirit competition summaries, there is an important initial deadline in which student teams must meet (at Head Judge’s discretion) to participate in the competition. There is also a link to the set of rules for each of the regional and spirit competitions. Note, some competitions do not have a detailed set of rules and the summaries for these competitions are considered the rules.



# Student Symposium Paper Competition

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The ASCE Student Symposium Paper Competition emphasizes the importance of being able to write and present a paper as essential communication skills for all engineers and often necessary for advancement in your career. The competition consists of a paper submission and a presentation at the student symposium.

The topic for the 2025 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium Paper Competition is: The Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students topic. Please visit the [Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students website](#) to review the topic.

**Submission deadline is: February 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Submission email/link is: [asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu](mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu) :**

This topic is the same topic as the [Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students](#). However, the Student Symposium Paper Competition and the Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students are two separate competitions and **must be submitted separately**. The Student Symposium Paper Competition paper is due February 14<sup>th</sup> and submitted to [asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu](mailto:asce25symposium@lists.msstate.edu). The [Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students](#) is due March 1<sup>st</sup> and submitted to [student@asce.org](mailto:student@asce.org).

## \*\*\*\*\*SOCIETY-WIDE FINALS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT\*\*\*\*\*

Both the paper submission and the presentation are mandatory for any ASCE Student Chapter participating in the 2025 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium that wishes to be eligible to advance to ASCE Society-wide competition finals and SSBC National Finals. Competitions **requiring** participation include:

- ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition
- ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition
- ASCE UESI Surveying Competition, and
- AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition.

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*Note: Any papers/presentations created for any other competition do not count as an entry into the Student Symposium Paper Competition.*

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# ASCE Society Competition Eligibility Requirements

**Competitions that advance to an ASCE Society-wide Competition Finals include the ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition, ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition, and ASCE UESI Surveying Competition. The AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition advances to the SSBC National Finals and follows the eligibility requirements below. See [SSBC Rules](#) for more information.**

*The purpose of student competitions is to provide student members career-enrichment opportunities to gain hands-on, practical experience and leadership skills. Society Competitions are an important and special opportunity to showcase the engineering and professional skills of student teams. As such, mutual respect is required for all stakeholders, including competitors, judges, hosts, and guests. Invitations to the Student Symposia and the ASCE Student Civil Engineering Championships/Society-wide Competition Finals are a privilege, not a right. Failure to act professionally can result in sanctions, disqualifications, and loss of invitations. Please note that the requirements for eligibility for Society-wide competition finals are more stringent than the requirements for participation at the student symposia competitions.*

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENT SYMPOSIUM COMPETITION**

The following qualifications are required of all ASCE Student Chapters to compete at the Student Symposia Competitions:

**An ASCE Student Chapter must:**

1. Be in good standing with ASCE:
  - a. Have paid their annual dues, as received by ASCE, **no later than the start of their Student Symposium.**
  - b. Have submitted their student chapter's full Annual Report or EZ Annual Reporting Form **no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST.**

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR ASCE SOCIETY-WIDE COMPETITION FINALS**

The following qualifications are required of all ASCE Student Chapters in order to advance to the ASCE Society-wide Competition Finals:

**An ASCE Student Chapter must:**

1. Be in good standing with ASCE:
  - a. Have paid their annual dues, as received by ASCE, no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST.
  - b. Have submitted their student chapter's **full Annual Report, no later than February 1, 11:59 p.m. EST, and have received a minimum score of 25 points out of a possible 100. Student Chapters that submit an EZ annual reporting form do not qualify** to advance to competition finals; and
2. Attend and participate in their assigned Student Symposium as shown through their school's:
  - a. On-time attendance and active participation by a member of the ASCE Student Chapter at the Student Symposium Business Meeting.
  - b. Participation in the Student Symposium Paper Competition, including submission and presentation by a member of the ASCE Student Chapter. Note that any papers/presentations created for any other competition do not count as an entry into the Student Symposium Paper Competition.

Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to [student@asce.org](mailto:student@asce.org).

## Hotel Information

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The 2025 ASCE Gulf Coast Student Symposium will be held at two locations. Thursday, Friday night and Saturday activities will be held at the Mississippi State University (MSU) Main Campus and most activities will occur near the Richard A. Rula Engineering and Science Complex. Friday day activities will be held at Lake Tiak O'Khata in Louisville, MS. Motel rooms, kitchenettes, waterfront cabins, bunkhouses, and an RV park are available on-site at Lake Tiak O'Khata. MSU is scheduled to play home baseball games on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> (all start times currently unavailable), and it is expected hotel room reservations in Starkville will fill up fast. If you are out of town and plan to stay in Starkville during the symposium, then I recommend reserving your hotel rooms soon. Other lodging options can be found below.

### Lodging Options (approximate driving distance and time shown in parenthesis)

- Near Rula Complex on MSU Main Campus
  - [Courtyard by Marriott](#) (1.3 mi; 5 min)
  - Days Inn (2.0 mi; 6 min)
  - [Hilton Garden Inn](#) (2.9 mi; 7 min)
  - [Hampton Inn](#) (1.4 mi; 4 min)
  - [Holiday Inn Express](#) (2.1 mi; 7 min)
  - [Hotel Chester](#) (2.5 mi; 7 min)
  - La Quinta (2.8 mi; 7 min)
  - [Quality Inn](#) (2.0 mi; 5 min)
  - [Russell Inn & Suites](#) (1.2 mi; 5 min)
  - [University Motel](#) (3.2 mi; 9 min)
  
- Near [Lake Tiak O'Khata](#)
  - [Lake Tiak O'Khata](#) (0.0 mi; 0 min)
  - Quality Inn (2.8 mi; 5 min)
  - [The Mason Boutique Hotel](#) (2.8 mi; 7 min)

### Addresses

- Richard A. Rula Engineering & Science Complex: 250 Hardy Road / Mississippi State, MS 39762
- [Lake Tiak O'Khata](#): 1290 Smyth Lake Road / Louisville, MS 39339

Please visit <https://starkville.org/the-partnership/convention-visitors-bureau/> to find accommodations for your chapter.