

Mailer 1 - Student Symposium Information and Student Chapter Registration
2026 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium
Co-Hosted by Southern Illinois University Carbondale and
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
April 9th – April 11th, 2026



October 16, 2025

Dear ASCE Student Chapter of the ASCE Mid-America Student Conference:

This is your **2026 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium Mailer 1**, the first 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:

- Mailer 1 Receipt Acknowledgement Form,
- Upcoming deadlines,
- Society competition intent forms,
- Student chapter registration form,
- Student Symposium Paper Competition information,
- ASCE competition eligibility requirements,
- Competition rules and resources
- Tentative student symposium schedule/plans, and
- Hotel accommodations/information.

*Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Mailer 1 Acknowledgment Form by
October 31, 2025.*

Please note the school registration deadline is November 21st, 2025.

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, also listed below.

We look forward to your participation in the 2026 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium and providing an opportunity to engage with other student chapters and ASCE Region Leadership.

Sincerely,

Cordelia Lemons
Chair, 2025 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium
President, ASCE Student Chapter
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

ASCE Student Symposium website	https://studentsymposium.asce.org/mid-america/
General symposium email address	siusymposium@gmail.com siusymposium.2026@outlook.com

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Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation

Follow the link below to complete the Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Form by October 31st, 2025.

[Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation Form](#)

*If your chapter will NOT be participating in the **2026 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium**, please indicate that on the Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation Form.*

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Student Chapter Registration

Student Chapter Registration is due by November 21st, 2025.

Please visit our symposium website at <https://studentsymposium.asce.org/mid-america/> to register your chapter for the **2026 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium**.

Student Chapter Registration is **\$500** per chapter and **\$55** per student. Chapter Registration form (online) and payment are due by **November 21st, 2025**.

Attendee registration will be available in January 2026 in Mailer 2.

Make check payable to: Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Southern Illinois University Carbondale
Attn: Jennifer Langin
1230 E Lincoln Drive, Engineering D Rm. 108 - MC 6603
Carbondale, IL 62901





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ASCE Society Competition Intent Forms

A REQUIREMENT TO COMPETE


Statement of Intent and Acknowledgement of Eligibility Requirements must be filled out for **EACH** ASCE Society Competition to compete. Please click the links below to fill out the intent form for the competitions your chapter plans to compete in.

ASCE SOCIETY-WIDE COMPETITIONS

Competition	ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition 	ASCE UESI Surveying Competition 	AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition 	ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition 
Intent form link	ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition Statement of Intent to Compete	ASCE UESI Surveying Competition Statement of Intent to Compete	AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition Statement of Intent to Compete	Submission of Proposal and Qualifications Package due (uploaded to ASCE server, see rules)
Due date	November 3, 2025, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time	November 3, 2025, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time	November 3, 2025, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time	November 3, 2025, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time
Additional info	Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person. Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the competition submissions. ASCE will send links in mid-	Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person. Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the topographic mapping project. ASCE will send links in early	Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person. Completing this form is necessary to receive your SSBC stipend.	Please visit the 2026 ASCE Concrete Canoe Request for Proposals - Rules to review the required forms and submission information.

	February to the team captain.	February to the team captain.		
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ASCE SOCIETY PILOT COMPETITIONS

Competition	ASCE 3D Printing Competition 
Intent form link	ASCE 3D Printing Competition Statement of Intent to Compete
Due date	November 3, 2025, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time
Add'l info	Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person.

LOCAL COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE MID-AMERICA STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

- Student Symposium Paper Competition
 - *Participation is a requirement for advancement to Society-wide finals competitions and SSBC National Finals*
- FE Quiz Bowl Competition
- 1st and 2nd Year Design Mystery Challenge
- Concrete Bowling
- Concrete Corn Hole
- Geo Wall Competition

Local competition rules can be found at: <https://studentsymposium.asce.org/mid-america/competitions/>

Important Upcoming Deadlines

Important dates for coordinators are highlighted in light green.

Important dates for Society-wide finals eligibility are highlighted in light yellow.

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

Please see competition rules for RFI deadlines and competition components that are submitted/required at the student symposium.

2025 DEADLINES

October 31	Mailer 1 Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter
November 3, by 5:00 pm Eastern Time	Statement of Intent & 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. <i>One form is required for each competition and must be filled out by the team captain and faculty advisor. <u>The online form* must be completed by the team captain and faculty advisor(s). Each person will submit a separate form. (See previous pages for intent form links.)</u></i> <i>* Concrete Canoe forms can be found in the 2026 ASCE Concrete Canoe Request for Proposals - Rules.</i>
November 3, by 5:00 pm Eastern Time	Concrete Canoe Competition: Submission of Proposal and Qualifications Package due.
November 21 (postmarked by)	Student Chapter registration is due (see instructions on page 3)

2026 DEADLINES

January 5, by 5:00 pm Eastern Time	Surveying Competition Topographic Mapping Project released to teams by 5:00 p.m. EST in the ASCE UESI Surveying Competition Collaborate Site .
January 12	Mailer 2 sent to each student chapter.
January 30	Mailer 2 Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.
February 1 by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time	ASCE Student Chapter Annual Reports are due by 11:59 pm EST to ASCE. <i>(More information on Annual Reports can be found here. If you have questions on your Annual Report, email student@asce.org).</i> <i>Submitting the ASCE Student Chapter Annual Report is an eligibility requirement to compete at the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the eligibility requirements for details.</i>
February 1 by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time	ASCE Student Chapter annual dues must be paid, as received by ASCE, no later than 11:59 p.m. EST. <i>Paying ASCE Student Chapter annual dues is an eligibility requirement to compete at</i>

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	<i>the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the eligibility requirements for details.</i>
February 12 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time	Concrete Canoe Technical Execution Package, Mix Design Sheets, & Materials Notebook due. (Upload to respective folder link provided in the rules)
February 13 (postmarked by)	Attendee Registration is due.
February 13 (postmarked by)	Volunteer Registration is due
February 23 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time	Surveying Competition Topographic Mapping Project Plans due by 5:00 p.m. EST (Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)
March 1	Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due to siusymposium@gmail.com
March 3	Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.
March 13	Sustainable Solutions Competition Technical Design Proposal, Envision Checklist and Criteria Justification, Public Outreach Poster, and Sketchup files are due. (Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)
March 20	Mailer 3 Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.
March 20	Final Date for Late Registrations (no guarantee of T-Shirt/Swag)
April 9-11	2026 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium
Note: Please see competition rules for RFI deadlines and competition components that are submitted/required at the student symposium.	

Student Symposium Paper Competition

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 **2026 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium** Paper Competition: Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students Topic – [click here for topic](#).

Submission deadline is: March 1, 2026

Submission email is:

siusymposium@gmail.com

****All papers must have a statement at the bottom attesting that, except where otherwise cited, the submission is the work of the student author and not AI or NLP. Submissions without this statement will not be considered for recognition.**

For student chapters in Regions 1-9 participating in their regional student symposium, papers must be submitted to the student symposium host by March 1, 2026, using the host's preferred submission process as outlined above. A separate submission to ASCE is not required for the Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students Competition, as the student symposium submission will serve as the official entry for both the Student Symposium Paper Competition and the Mead Paper Competition. The winning paper from each student symposium will advance to the Society competition for final review, with the official national winner announced in May 2026.

*******SOCIETY-WIDE FINALS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT*******

Both the Student Symposium Paper Competition submission and the presentation are mandatory for any ASCE Student Chapter participating in the **2026 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium** that wishes to be eligible to advance to ASCE Society-wide finals competitions and the 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.

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

ASCE Society Competition Eligibility Requirements

Competitions that advance to an ASCE Society-wide finals competition 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 Society-wide finals competitions/ASCE Civil Engineering Student Championships 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 finals competitions 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 FINALS COMPETITION

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

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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.

Tentative Symposium Schedule

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE (**SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Date	Start Time	End Time	Event	Location
04/09 Thursday	12:00 PM	3:00 PM	Registration	Shryock
	3:00 PM	3:50 PM	Welcome	Shryock
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Business Meeting	Student Center
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Speaker	Student Center
	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	Dinner	Student Center
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Concrete Bowling	Student Center
	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Captain's Meetings: Canoe, Bridge, Sustainable, Surveying, 3D Bridge	Student Center
	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Concrete Cornhole	Student Center
	7:30 PM	9:30 PM	FE Quiz bowl	Student Center
	7:30 PM	9:30 PM	1st and 2 nd Year Mystery Design	Student Center
04/10 Friday	7:00 AM	10:00 AM	Canoe Display & Aesthetics	Campus Lake
	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	Canoe Swamping & Races	Campus Lake
	7:30 AM	4:00 PM	Surveying Field Tasks	Campus Lake
	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch	Campus Lake
	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Steel Bridge Captains Meeting	Engineering
	5:30 PM	9:00 PM	Symposium Paper Presentations	Engineering
	6:30 PM	10:00 PM	Concrete Canoe Competition Presentations	Engineering
	6:00 PM	8:30 PM	3-D Printed Bridge Competition	Engineering
	7:30 PM	8:30 PM	Surveying Competition Presentations	Engineering
04/11 Saturday	7:00 AM	4:00 PM	Steel Bridge Competition	Banterra Center
	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Sustainable Solutions Poster Session & Surveying Topo Displays	Banterra Center
	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch	Banterra Center
	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Speaker	Banterra Center
	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Career Fair	Student Center
	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Awards Banquet and Ceremony	Student Center

Hotel Information

Multiple hotel blocks with discounted rates have been reserved for ASCE student chapters for the entire duration of the symposium including the nights of April 9-11th. Space at each location is limited; we recommend you make reservations as soon as possible. Please note it is the responsibility of each chapter/individual to reserve and pay for their own accommodations.

Recommended Hotels for Symposium

- Home2 Suites by Hilton Carbondale
 - Address: 200 West Elm Street, Carbondale, IL 62901
 - Phone Number: +1 6185292555
 - Reservation Link: [Hilton Carbondale](#)
 - ASCE Symposium Rates: \$119 per night (1 Queen Bed Studio Nonsmoking)
- Best Western Saluki Inn
 - Address: 801 N Giant City Road, Carbondale, Illinois 62902
 - Phone Number: +1 6183516611
 - Reservation Link: [Best Western Saluki Inn](#)
 - ASCE Symposium Rates: ~\$100 per night (Max Occupancy: 4, Non-Smoking, Full Breakfast)

Nearby Hotels at Marion

- Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites Marion
 - Address: 1400 Champions Drive, Marion, Illinois 62959
 - Phone Number: +16189933011
 - Reservation Link: [Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites Marion](#)
 - Rates: Variable
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites Marion
 - Address: 2609 Blue Heron Drive, Marion, Illinois 62959
 - Phone Number: + 18884800427
 - Reservation Link: [Holiday Inn Express & Suites Marion](#)
 - Rates: Variable

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ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium Points of Contact:

For additional Inquiries,
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ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium website: <https://studentsymposium.asce.org/mid-america/>