Symposium Paper Competition Rules

Competition Description:

Nomination Deadline: March 1

The prize was established and endowed in 1939 by Daniel W. Mead, Hon.M.ASCE, a Society past president. The contest provides an opportunity for alert young civil engineers to further their professional development and gain national attention.

Award

Up to 5 winners will be chosen. First place will receive a plaque. Other winners will receive certificates.

New submission process:

For student chapters participating in their regional student symposium, papers must be submitted to the student symposium host by March 1, 2027, using the host's preferred submission process as outlined above. The student symposium submission will serve as the official entry for both the Student Symposium Paper Competition and the Daniel W. Mead Paper Competition. The winning paper from each student symposium will advance to the Society competition for final review, with the official overall winner announced in May 2027. 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.

Submittal:

The design report must be submitted electronically on or before April 1, 2027 to ascesymposium2027@gmail.com

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1. The Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students may be awarded annually on the basis of a paper on professional ethics. Each year the specific topic of the contest for the forthcoming year shall be selected by the Committee on Student Members for the Student Award.
2. Members of Student Organizations of the Society who are in good standing at the time their papers are submitted are eligible for the contest, unless they have previously received the national award for which they are competing.
3. Papers for the national contests shall (a) be limited to 1 paper from each Student Organization; (b) not exceed 2,000 words in length; (c) be written by only 1 person; and (d) not have previously been published in other school or Society publications.
4. The Committee on Student Members shall review submissions and recommend the top five student papers as Society finalists, of which one may be selected as the national winner for approval by the Executive Committee.
5. All finalists shall receive an appropriate certificate recognizing their achievements. If there is a national winner, they shall receive a wall plaque rather than a certificate.

Nomination

To nominate, a completed submission will consist of a single .pdf file containing:

1. Cover letter, from the Faculty Advisor stating the name, ASCE/AEI member ID number, phone number, and e-mail address for the paper's author.
2. The paper being submitted.



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The name of the file shall follow this format:
Mead Student Prize - Author's Last Name - Name of University.pdf
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