MAILER 1:
STUDENT SYMPOSIUM INFO & CHAPTER REGISTRATION

2027 ASCE MID-AMERICA STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

Hosted by The University of Kansas &
Benedictine College

04/22/27 - 04/24/27
Lawrence, KS



ascesymposium2027@gmail.com

October 23, 2026

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

This is your 2027 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 Acknowledgement Confirmation,
- Student chapter registration form,
- Society competition intent forms,
- Upcoming deadlines,
- Student Symposium Paper Competition information,
- ASCE competition eligibility requirements,
- Tentative student symposium schedule/plans
- Hotel accommodations/information.

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 2027 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium and providing an opportunity to engage with other student chapters and ASCE Region Leadership. Together, we'll also commemorate ASCE's 175th anniversary- honoring the past, celebrating the present, and shaping the future of civil engineering.

Sincerely,

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KU Symposium Chair

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KU THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

ASCE MID-AMERICA STUDENT SYMPOSIUM 2027

BENEDICTINE COLLEGE

October 23, 2026

Contact Information

ASCE Student Symposium website	https://studentsymposium.asce.org/mid-america
General symposium email address	ascesymposium2027@gmail.com

Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation

Please note:

Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Mailer 1 Acknowledgment Confirmation Form (below) by **October 31st, 2026** and the school registration deadline is **November 23, 2026.**

If your chapter will **NOT** be participating in the 2027 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium, please indicate that on the Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation Form.

Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation Form

Registration

All payments will be through a 3rd party website. The link will be displayed on our website under "Student Chapter Registration" dropdown when the registration period is open. Unless contacted by the University of Kansas, payment will not be received any other way. Any questions regarding payments, please contact ascesymposium2027@gmail.com.

Student Chapter

Student Chapter Registration Form (online) and Chapter Registration Payment are due by **November 23, 2026**. The online payment portal will be available on our website.

Please visit our **symposium website** to register your chapter for the 2027 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium. Student Chapter Registration is **$500** per chapter.

Individual Registration

Individual registration information will be posted on our website in late December to early January.

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

Society competition rules can be found at: https://www.asce.org/communities/student-members/conferences/rules

Competition	ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition	ASCE UESI Surveying Competition	AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition	ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition	ASCE 3D Printing 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 Intent and Qualifications Form due *(found in the reference document folder.)*	ASCE 3D Printing Competition Statement of Intent to Compete
Due date	November 2, 2026, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time	November 2, 2026, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time	November 2, 2026, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time	November 2, 2026, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time	November 2, 2026, 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. Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the competition submissions. ASCE will send links in mid-February to the team captain.	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 l link for uploading the Design Survey project. ASCE will send links in early February to the team captain.	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 2027 ASCE Concrete Canoe Request for Proposals - Rules to review the required forms and submission information.	Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person.

Local Competitions

The following competitions will be offered at the 2027 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium:

- Student Symposium Paper Competition
  - Participation is a requirement for advancement to Society-wide finals competitions and SSBC National Finals
- Concrete Cornhole
- Faculty Concrete Cornhole
- Concrete Bowling Ball
- FE Quizbowl
- GeoWall
- 1st and 2nd Year Design Challenge
- Graduate Student Design Challenge
- Transportation Design Challenge

Building Leaders brick-by-brick:
Leadership Skills Development presented by the Committee on Student Members
Don't miss the opportunity to collaborate with peers from different universities, applying engineering design and construction skills in a hands-on engaging team competition. Learn your role and apply leadership, communication, and teamwork to outwit other challengers. No preparation needed. Look for more details in upcoming mailers.

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 2027 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium Paper Competition: **Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students Topic: Engineering for the Unprecedented: Evaluating the Civil Engineer's Professional and Ethical Duty to Design Infrastructure Beyond Minimum Standards.** Click here for details.

Submission deadline is: **March 1, 2027**
Submission email/link is: **ascesymposium2027@gmail.com**

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 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.**

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. *

2026 Deadlines

October 31st, 2026	Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation due from each student chapter
November 2nd, 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, Timber-Strong, and 3D Printing. One form is required for each competition and must be filled out by the team captain and faculty advisor. 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.) * Concrete Canoe forms can be found in the reference document folder.
November 23rd, 2026 (postmarked by)	Student Chapter registration is due (see instructions on page 3)

2027 Deadlines

January 5th, by 5:00 pm Eastern Time	Surveying Competition [MP1] Design Survey Project released to teams by 5:00 p.m. EST in the ASCE UESI Surveying Competition Collaborate Site.
January 15th	Mailer 2 sent to each student chapter.
January 29th	Mailer 2 Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.

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Important Upcoming Deadlines

February 1st by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time	**ASCE Student Chapter Annual Reports** are due by 11:59 pm EST to ASCE. (More information on Annual Reports can be found here. If you have questions on your Annual Report, email student@asce.org). 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.
February 1st 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. Paying ASCE Student Chapter annual dues is an eligibility requirements to compete at the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the eligibility requirements for details.
Date posted in Mailer 2	Attendee Registration is due.
Date posted in Mailer 2	Volunteer Registration is due
February 11th by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time	Concrete Canoe Project Proposal Deliverables: Design Narrative, Construction Drawings, Calculation Package, and Materials Notebook due. (Upload to respective folder link provided in the rules)
February 26th	Surveying Competition Design Survey Project Plans due by 5:00 p.m. EST (Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)
March 1st	Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due to ascesymposium2027@gmail.com
March 19th	Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.
April 1	Sustainable Solutions Competition Grant Application, Envision Checklist and Criteria Justification, Poster, Social Media Post and Sketchup files are due. (Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)
April 2th	Mailer III Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.
April 2th	Final Date for Late Registrations
April 22-24	2027 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium

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

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Society-Wide Finals Eligibility Requirements

Both the Student Symposium Paper Competition submission and the presentation are mandatory for any ASCE Student Chapter participating in the 2027 ASCE Mid-America Student Symposium that wishes to be eligible to advance to ASCE Society-wide finals competitions and the SSBC National Finals. Competitions at our student symposium 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

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 with 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.

Society-Wide Finals Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility for Student Symposium Competitions

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

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
2. Attend and participate in their assigned Student Symposium as shown through their school's:
   a. On-time attendance and active participation by a student 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 student 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.

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Tentative Symposium Schedule

See the tentative Symposium schedule on our website under the Mailers dropdown menu. Link: https://studentsymposium.asce.org/mid-america/mailers/

Please note: This is a drug and alcohol free event and the use of drugs and alcohol is prohibed at all ASCE Student Symposium Events.

Hotel Information

We have secured room blocks at several Lawrence-area hotels for attendees arriving April 22, 2027 and departing April 24, 2027.

Please note: Each hotel has limited availability, and the properties are located in different areas throughout Lawrence. **Early booking is strongly encouraged.**

Hotel rates, taxes, and fees may vary depending on the reservation details and are determined by each individual hotel. These charges are controlled by the hotels and cannot be adjusted or managed by the event organizers.

A detailed hotel information guide with room rates, available room types, amenities, booking information, and additional hotel details will be available on our website.

Hotel	Location	Room Types & Number of Rooms
Country Inn & Suites By Radisson	2176 E 23rd St Lawrence, KS 56046	15 Double Rooms 10 King Rooms
Hampton Inn	2300 West 6t1 Street, Lawrence, KS 66049	25 Rooms
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Lawrence	3411 S.W. Iowa St. Lawrence. KS 66046	25 Rooms Double Queen & King Mix
Stone Hill Trademark Collection by Wyndham	6101 Rock Chalk Dr. Lawrence, KS 66049	25 Rooms 2 Queen & King Mix
Tru by Hilton Lawrence	510 Wakarusa Drive Lawrence. KS	10 Queen Rooms 15 King Rooms