

**Mailer 1 - Student Symposium Information and Student Chapter Registration
2026 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium
Hosted by Tennessee Tech
April 9 – April 11, 2026**

October 7, 2025



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

This is your **2026 ASCE Mid-South 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 15, 2025.

Please note the school registration deadline is November 15, 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-South Student Symposium and providing an opportunity to engage with other student chapters and ASCE Region Leadership.

Sincerely,

Finn Hounshell
President, ASCE Student Chapter

Daniel R. VandenBerge, P.E.
Chair, 2025 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium

Tennessee Tech University

ASCE Student Symposium website	https://studentsymposium.asce.org/midsouth/
General symposium email address	ASCEMidSouth2026@tntech.edu
Instagram	tntech_asce

Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation

Follow the link below to complete the Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Form by October 15, 2025.

Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation Form

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPD73_1uQPKEuqviz7AuRHf00F4Qm1d-IDrIlKV8q7Kx2QDQ/viewform)

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

Student Chapter Registration

Student Chapter Registration is due by November 15, 2025.

Please visit our symposium website at <https://studentsymposium.asce.org/midsouth/registration-2/> to register your chapter for the **2026 ASCE Mid-South Student Symposium**.

Student Chapter Registration is **\$300** per chapter. Registration form (online) and payment are due by **November**

15, 2026.

Payment can be made using one of two methods:

1. **Make check payable to: Tennessee Tech ASCE** or include a payment link.

Attn: Ms. Donna Walls
Tennessee Tech
Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Box 5015
Cookeville, TN, 38505

2. **Pay using Venmo**

Venmo your registration payment to: @ASCE-TNTECH

https://venmo.com/code?user_id=3367415488446464502&created=1759538166





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ASCE Society Competition Intent Forms



AREQUIREMENT TOCOMPETE

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
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 link for uploading the topographic mapping 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 2026 ASCE Concrete Canoe Request for Proposals - Rules to review the required forms and submission information.

ASCE SOCIETY PILOT COMPETITIONS

Competition	ASCE Construction Institute Competition 	Timber-Strong Design-Build Competition 
Intent form link	<u>ASCE Construction Institute Competition Statement of Intent to Compete</u>	<u>Timber-Strong Design Build Competition Statement of Intent to Compete</u>
Due date	November 3, 2025, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time	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. Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the project deliverables.	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 early February.

LOCAL COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE MID-SOUTH STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

- StudentSymposiumPaperCompetition
 - *Participation is a requirement for advancement to Society-wide competition finals and SSBC National Finals*
- T-Shirt Design Competition – rules forthcoming
- Styrofoam Beam Competition – rules forthcoming, minor preparation required
- On-site competitions - no preparation required; rules provided on-site
 - Geo-Bucket Competition
 - Environmental Competition
 - Transportation Competition
 - CEE Scavenger Hunt

Information for local competitions can be found at: <https://studentsymposium.asce.org/midsouth/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 7	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, and Timber-Strong. <i>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.)</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.
Fall timeframe	Each Timber-Strong Design Build team member who is a builder must complete the Ladder Training Safety online course and submit certification of completion to Cerberus before project work begins. (Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)
November 15 (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 15	Mailer 2 sent to each student chapter.
January 31	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. (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.

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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 the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide final competitions. See the eligibility requirements for details.</i>
February 3	ASCE Construction Institute Student Symposium Competition Team Form is due. <i>Link to the form will be sent from ASCE to team captains and faculty advisors per information provided on intent forms.</i> Concrete Canoe Technical Execution Package, Mix Design Sheets, & Materials Notebook due.
February 12 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time	<i>(Upload to respective folder link provided in the rules)</i>
February 20	Timber-Strong Design Build Phase 1A & 1B Project deliverables are due. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE that will be used for all Timber-Strong submissions.)</i>
February 23	Surveying Competition Topographic Mapping Project Plans due by 5:00 p.m. EST <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)</i>
February 23 (postmarked by)	Attendee Registration is due.
March 1 (11:59 pm Central)	Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due to ASCEMidSouth2026@tntech.edu
March 6	Timber-Strong Design Build Phase Two Project deliverables are due. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE that will be used for all Timber-Strong submissions.)</i>
March 15 March	Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.
15 (postmarked by)	Volunteer Registration is due
March 16	Hotel Reservations Cut-off
March 16	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>
March 26	Final Date for Late Registrations
March 29	Mailer III Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter.
April 3	Timber-Strong Design Build - All Change Orders and final submittals uploaded to ASCE's Cerberus ftp server. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE that will be used for all Timber-Strong submissions.)</i>
April 9-11, 2026	2026 ASCE Mid-South 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-South Student Symposium** Paper Competition: Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students Topic – [click here for topic](#).

Submission deadline is: March 1, 2026

Submission email/link is: ASCEMidSouth2026@tntech.edu

****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-South 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 UES 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
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 *(subject to change)*

Subject to Change				
Date	Start Time	End Time	Event	Locations
April 9	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	Registration and Grab-n-Go Dinner	AIEB
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM		AIEB
	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Captains' meetings: Concrete canoe and UESI Surveying	AIEB
	6:00 AM	10:00 AM	Business Meeting	Cane Creek Park
April 10	7:30 AM	10:00 AM	Concrete Canoe: unloading, swamp testing, & display judging	AIEB
	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Late Registration	Cane Creek Park
	10:00 AM	5:00 PM	Surveying field tasks	Cane Creek Park
	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Concrete Canoe Races	Cane Creek Park
	10:30 AM	12:00 PM	Park clean-up or service event	Cane Creek Park
	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	Geo-Bucket competition	Cane Creek Park
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Lunch	Cane Creek Park
	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Frisbee Golf Tournament	AIEB
	1:00 PM	4:00 PM		AIEB
	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	Construction Institute Competition	AIEB
	5:30 PM	8:00 PM	Steel Bridge: unload & captains' meeting	AIEB
	6:00 AM	3:00 PM	Sustainable and Timber-Strong captains' meeting	Memorial Gym
	8:00 AM	12:00 PM		AIEB
	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	Surveying plan display, Sustainable posters, Steel bridge aesthetics	AIEB
	9:00 AM	12:00 PM		AIEB and Memorial Gym
	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	Dinner and Social Events	TTU Cafeteria
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Steel Bridge competition	
April 11	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Presentations: Canoe, Surveying, Mead, Sustainable	TTU Campus
			Timber-Strong competition	Roaden University Center
			Transportation, Environmental, and Styrofoam Beam competitions	
			Lunch	
			CEE Scavenger Hunt	
			Awards Banquet and Ceremony	

Tennessee Tech Locations: AIEB = Ashraf Islam Engineering Building, Memorial Gym, Cafeteria, Roaden University Center

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Hotel Information

Suggested hotels and rates are listed below. Speak with the listed contact person and mention the ASCE

Student Symposium for the listed rate. Please reserve before March 16, 2026. *Attendees are responsible for booking and covering the cost of their own reservations. This is not included in the registration fees.*

For more information on lodging, visit the Cookeville-Putnam County Visitor's Bureau -
<https://www.visitcookevilletn.com>. 931-528-6391

Fairfield Inn & Suites

1200 Sams St, Cookeville, TN 38506

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/bnack-fairfield-inn-and-suites-cookeville/overview/>

Contact: Liz Bradley - 931-854-1050

Rate: \$105/night

Towne Place Suites

1250 Sams St, Cookeville, TN 38506

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/bnavi-towneplace-suites-cookeville/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0>

Contact: Liz Bradley - 931-548-0950

Rate: \$112/night

Candlewood Suites

1161 S Jefferson Ave, Cookeville, TN 38506

https://www.ihg.com/candlewood/hotels/us/en/cookeville/cjesj/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps_-_CW_-_US_-_CJESJ

Contact: Susan - 931-208-4001

Rate: \$104/night

Country Inn & Suites

1151 South Jefferson Ave, Cookeville, TN 38506

<https://www.choicehotels.com/tennessee/cookeville/country-inn-suites-hotels/tn412>

Contact: Lisa Dyer - 931-525-6668

Rate: TBD

Holiday Inn 1091 S. Willow Ave, Cookeville, TN 38501
https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/cookeville/cjewa/hoteldetail?fromRedirect=true&qSrt=sBR&qSIH=cjewa&setPMCookies=true&qSHBrC=HI&qDest=1091%20South%20Willow%20Avenue%2C%20Cookeville%2C%20TN%2C%20US&srp_u=1 Contact: Monica Harnishchfeger - 931-559-4539 Rate: \$119 (3-night minimum stay)
