

Mailer 1 - Student Symposium Information and Student Chapter Registration
2026 ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium
Hosted by South Dakota Mines
April 23-25, 2026



October 15, 2025

Dear ASCE Student Chapter of the ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Conference:

This is your **2026 ASCE Rocky Mountain 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 Acknowledgment 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

Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Mailer 1 Acknowledgment Form by November 3rd, 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 Rocky Mountain Student Symposium and providing an opportunity to engage with other student chapters and ASCE Region Leadership.

Sincerely,

Bailey Hollaway
President, ASCE Student Chapter
South Dakota Mines

Lucas Ransen
Chair, 2025 ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium

ASCE Student Symposium website	https://studentsymposium.asce.org/rocky-mountain/
General symposium email address	2026ASCE@mines.sdsmt.edu
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/SDSMTASCE
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/sdsmt_asce/

Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation

Follow the link below to complete the Mailer 1 Acknowledgment Form by November 3, 2025.

[Mailer 1 Acknowledgment Confirmation Form](#)

*If your chapter will NOT be participating in the **2026 ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium**, please indicate that on the Mailer 1 Acknowledgment Confirmation Form.*

Student Chapter Registration

Student Chapter Registration is due by November 21, 2025.

Please visit our symposium website at <https://studentsymposium.asce.org/rocky-mountain/> to register your chapter for the **2026 ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium**.

Student Chapter Registration is **\$350** per chapter. Registration form (online) and payment are due by November 21, 2025

Make check payable to: CARA- ASCE

South Dakota Mines
Attn: ASCE Regionals
330 E Kansas City Street
Rapid City, SD 57701





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ASCE Society Competition Intent Forms



A REQUIREMENT TO COMPETE

Statement of Intent and Acknowledgment 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	ASCE Construction Institute Competition Statement of Intent to Compete	Timber-Strong Design Build Competition Statement of Intent to Compete
Due date	November 3, 2025, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time	November 3, 2025, by 5:00pm, Eastern Time
Add'l info	<p>Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person.</p> <p>Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the project deliverables.</p>	<p>Must be completed by team captain and faculty advisor(s). A separate form will be submitted by each person.</p> <p>Completing this form is necessary to receive the unique link for uploading the competition submissions. ASCE will send links in early February.</p>

LOCAL COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE ROCKY MOUNTAIN STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

- Student Symposium Paper Competition
 - *Participation is a requirement for advancement to Society-wide finals competitions and SSBC National Finals*
 - *Topics for the ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium Technical Paper will be left to each school. The technical paper should focus on a technical issue that is relevant to the field of civil engineering.*
- Mystery design
 - Student competition sponsored by a local company. No preparation is needed—show up and have fun!

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

November 3	Mailer 1 Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter
November 3, by 5:00 pm Eastern Time	Statement of Intent & Acknowledgment 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 15	Mailer 2 sent to each student chapter.
January 29	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). <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>

	<i>the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the eligibility requirements for details.</i>
February 3	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>
February 16 (postmarked by)	Attendee Registration is due.
February 16 (postmarked by)	Volunteer Registration is due
February 12 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time	Concrete Canoe Technical Execution Package, Mix Design Sheets, & Materials Notebook due. <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>
March 1	Student Symposium Paper Competition submission due to 2026ASCE@mines.sdsmt.edu Daniel W. Mead Paper Competition submission due to 2026ASCE@mines.sdsmt.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 20	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>
April 1	Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter.
April 17, 2026	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 15	Mailer III Receipt Confirmation is due from each student chapter.
March 27	Final Date for Late Registrations (increased cost – 150\$ and no merch)
Before Competition	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. <i>(Unique and secure link to be provided to each team from ASCE.)</i>
April 23-25	2026 ASCE Rocky Mountain 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 one's career. The competition consists of a paper submission and a presentation at the student symposium.

Daniel W. Mead Paper Competition (Non-Technical Paper)

The topic for the **2026 ASCE Rocky Mountain Student Symposium** Paper Competition: Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students Topic – [click here for topic](#).

This paper is **mandatory** for schools wanting to be eligible for ASCE Society-wide Finals Competitions.

Submission deadline: March 1, 2026

Submission email: 2026ASCE@mines.sdsmt.edu

Subject: *School Name* Daniel W. Mead Paper Submission

Student Symposium Paper Competition (Technical Paper)

The topic for the **2026 Student Symposium Paper Competition** will be left to each school. The technical paper should focus on a technical issue that is relevant to the field of civil engineering.

Submission deadline: March 1, 2026

Submission email: 2026ASCE@mines.sdsmt.edu

Subject: *School Name* Student Symposium Paper Submission

*******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 Rocky Mountain 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 with career-enrichment opportunities to gain hands-on, practical experience and leadership skills. Society Competitions are an important and special opportunity to showcase student teams' engineering and professional skills. 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 in 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

Date	Start Time	End Time	Event	Location
Thursday, April 23rd	3:00 PM	7:00 PM	Registration	Nucor Mineral Industries Building
	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Welcome	Nucor Mineral Industries Building
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Mystery Design	Nucor Mineral Industries Building
Friday, April 24th	6:00 AM	8:00 AM	Late Registration	
	6:00 AM	8:00 AM	Steel Bridge/Concrete Canoe/Timber Strong Drop Off	The Monument
	8:00 AM	3:00 PM	Timber-Strong Design Build Competition	Field House
	9:00 AM	3:00 PM	Surveying	
	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Tech Paper and Non-Tech Paper Presentations	Lacroix
	10:00 AM	5:00 PM	Steel Bridge Competition	Field House
	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Concrete Canoe Aesthetics	Field House
	11:00 AM	2:00 PM	Sustainable Solutions	Lacroix
	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Lunch	
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Concrete Canoe Presentations	Lacroix
	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Construction Institute	Lacroix
	5:00 PM	6:30 PM	Business Meeting	Lacroix
Saturday, April 25th	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	Canoe Captain's Meeting	At Lake
	7:00 AM	5:00 PM	Canoe Swamping & Races	At Lake
	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Awards Banquet and Ceremony	Beck Ballroom

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