



ASCE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM PROFESSIONAL PAPER

NATIONAL COMPETITION

Universities are encouraged to participate in the national Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students.

The regional Student Symposium Paper Competition will follow the same guides as the national competition but does not qualify universities for society-wide competition.

OVERVIEW

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.

OBJECTIVE

The regional Professional Paper Competition will follow the same topic as the Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students. Please review the 2025 Topic on the ASCE Daniel W. Mead Prize for Students webpage:

<https://www.asce.org/career-growth/awards-and-honors/daniel-w-mead-prize-for-students>

ELIGIBILITY

Per national guidelines, Professional Paper is an individual competition. Each university may only have one (1) submission and must be submitted through the Faculty Advisor.



Participation in the ASCE Student Symposium Paper Competition, including submission and presentation by at least one (1) member of the ASCE Student Chapter is a requirement to advance to an ASCE Society-wide Competition Finals.

PROCEDURE

Please review the national rules for specifications and requirements. Deliverables shall conform to the national rules:

<https://www.asce.org/career-growth/awards-and-honors/daniel-w-mead-prize-for-students>

SUBMITTALS

- Regional papers will be submitted electronically on or before 11:59 PM EST March 1st, 2025. The submission link can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdp31IKzeDcwEVwMx7HwRSfrIybQnLuYciBnu2msVjBcK38A/viewform?usp=header>

- A completed submission will consist of a single pdf file containing:

- Cover letter, from the faculty advisor stating the name, ASCE/AEI member ID number, mailing address, phone number, and email address for the paper's author.
- The paper submitted. The name of the pdf file shall follow this format: Mead Student Prize - Author's Last Name - Name of University.pdf
- Papers submitted for the Southeast Student Symposium may also be submitted to the National Daniel W. Mead Student Contest. The deadline for national competition submittal is March 1, 2025 11:59 PM EST to student@asce.org.
- 2026 ASCE Southeast Student Symposium March 12-14, 2026 in Boca Raton, FL.



PRESENTATION

- Each presentation will explain their argument from the submitted paper.
- Presentations should not exceed five (5) minutes in length; presenters will respond to judges questions after the presentation during a five (5) minute question and answer period.
- All technical presentations shall be conducted in a professional manner and shall be presented in English.
- Presentations shall be open to the public for viewing, as space permits.

QUESTIONS

Per the national guidelines, questions should be directed to student@asce.org

PRESENTATION EQUIPMENT

- Presenters must bring a USB drive with all presentation materials
- Presenters shall not prerecord any speaking parts.

JUDGING

Judges will score competition entries according to the scoring rubric provided by ASCE.