

Mailer 1 - Student Symposium Information and Student Chapter Registration
2026 ASCE Virginias Student Symposium
Hosted by Old Dominion University
April 9th – April 11th, 2026



October 15, 2025

Dear ASCE Student Chapter of the ASCE Virginias Student Conference:

This is your **2026 ASCE Virginias 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 and,
- Competition rules and resources.

Receipt of this mailer should be confirmed by completing the Mailer 1 Acknowledgment Form by October 31, 2025.

Please note the school registration deadline is December 12, 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 Virginias Student Symposium](https://studentsymposium.asce.org/virginias/) and providing an opportunity to engage with other student chapters and ASCE Region Leadership.

Sincerely,

Hunter Knox

President, ASCE Student Chapter & Chair, 2026 ASCE Virginias Student Symposium
Old Dominion University

ASCE Student Symposium website

<https://studentsymposium.asce.org/virginias/>

General symposium email address

olddominionuniversity.asce@gmail.com

Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation

Follow the link below to complete the Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Form by October 31, 2025.

[Mailer 1 Acknowledgement Confirmation Form](#)




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

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

| Competition | ASCE UESI Surveying Competition  | AISC/ASCE Student Steel Bridge Competition  | ASCE Concrete Canoe Competition  |
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| Intent form link | 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 |
| 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 I 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-WIDE COMPETITIONS

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| Competition | ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition  | ASCE Construction Institute Competition (Pilot)  |
| Intent form link | ASCE Sustainable Solutions Competition Statement of Intent to Compete | ASCE Construction Institute 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 competition submissions.</p> <p>ASCE will send links in mid-February to the team captain.</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 project deliverables.</p> |

LOCAL COMPETITIONS AT THE 2026 ASCE VIRGINIAS STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

- Hardy Cross Paper Competition & Marr Technical Paper
 - *Participation is a requirement for advancement to Society-wide finals competitions and SSBC National Finals*
- Geotechnical Competition
- Water Resources Competition
- Sandcastle Competition
- Civil Problem-Solving Competition

Local competition rules can be found on the Virginias Symposium website once finalized.

<https://studentsymposium.asce.org/virginias/>

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

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| October 31 | 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, 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. |
| December 12 (postmarked by) | Student Chapter registration is due (see following pages) |

2026 DEADLINES

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| 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 23 | 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 the student symposia competitions and to advance to Society-wide finals competitions. See the eligibility requirements for details.</i> |

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| 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 11 (postmarked by) | Attendee Registration is due. |
| February/March (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 23 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time | 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 Shaikh Matin (smatin@asceva.org) |
| March 20 | Mailer 3 (final) sent to each student chapter. |
| March 14 | 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 25 | Mailer III Receipt Confirmation due from each student chapter. |
| March 6 | Final Date for Late Registrations |
| April 9 - 11, 2026 | 2026 ASCE Virginias Student Symposium |
| Note: Please see competition rules for RFI deadlines and competition components that are submitted/required at the student symposium. | |

Student Chapter Registration

Student Chapter Registration is due by December 12, 2025.

Please visit our symposium website at <https://studentsymposium.asce.org/virginias/> to register your chapter for the **2026 ASCE Virginias Student Symposium**.

Chapter Registration is **\$150** per chapter. Registration form (online) and payment are due by **December 12, 2025**

Make check payable to: ODU ASCE

Old Dominion University
Attn: Gary Schafran
135 Kaufman Hall
Norfolk, Virginia, 23529

*If your chapter will NOT be participating in the **2026 ASCE Virginias Student Symposium**, please email olddominionuniversity.asce@gmail.com*

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 the Marr Technical Paper submission and Hardy Cross Oratory presentation at the student symposium.

The Marr Technical Paper Competition The topic for the Marr Technical Paper Competition is a Civil Engineering topic of the competitors choosing. Students will research a Civil Engineering topic of their choosing. Then, at the conference, each competing student will give a presentation, about his or her chosen topic. The Marr Competition topic is due March 1, 2026, and submitted to Shaikh Matin at smatin@asceva.org.

Submission deadline: March 1, 2026
Submission link: smatin@asceva.org

The Hardy Cross Oratory Competition The Hardy Cross Oratory Competition topic is a Civil Engineering topic of the competitors choosing. Students will research a Civil Engineering topic of their choosing. Then, at the conference, each competing student will give a presentation, about his or her chosen topic. The Hardy Cross Oratory Competition topic is due March 1, 2026, and submitted to Shaikh Matin at smatin@asceva.org

Submission deadline: March 1, 2026
Submission link: smatin@asceva.org

*****SOCIETY-WIDE FINALS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT*****

Both the Marr Technical Paper and the Hardy Cross Oratory Competition are mandatory for any ASCE Student Chapter participating in the **2026 ASCE Virginias 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 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.