



**Institute of Transportation Engineers  
Western District  
Student Paper Award**

### **Background**

Established in 1979, the Student Paper Award annually recognizes the best paper written by an ITE Western District student member. The winner receives a plaque, a \$500 award, and free meeting registration for the Western District Annual Meeting. The District will forward the winning paper on to ITE International for consideration in the Daniel B. Fambro Student Paper Award competition.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Student Paper Award is to encourage ITE student members to conduct and report on independent and original research and investigation of transportation subjects and to provide a means for recognizing outstanding accomplishment in this area.

### **Eligibility**

Any individual member of ITE who:

- Is a student member of ITE International; and
- Completed work providing a basis for the paper while a student member of ITE International.

### **Submittal Procedure**

- Each fall, the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) for the Western District Annual Meeting issues a Call for Papers, inviting authors to submit abstracts to present at the Annual Meeting held on the following June/July. Eligible student members must follow the instructions outlined in the Call for Papers, and if the abstract is accepted, the author must submit a Student Paper following the below requirements.
- By March 1<sup>st</sup>, student papers must be submitted to the LAC, who will forward all eligible papers to the District's Technical Committee for judging.
- By April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Technical Committee Chair will select the winning paper, and the LAC will extend an invitation to the author to present the paper and to receive the Student Paper Award at the District Annual Meeting.
- The District's Technical Committee Chair will forward the winning paper on to ITE International for consideration in the Daniel B. Fambro Student Paper Award competition.

### **Paper Requirements**

- Must address a transportation topic.
- Must be authored by one student author. Advisors can be listed but cannot be co-authors.
- The paper must be submitted in English.
- A PDF document in 11 pt. type, with a maximum of 3,000 words.
- The paper must include a title page showing title, author's name, address, telephone number and date; and a table of contents.

### Evaluation Criteria

The winning paper will be selected by a review panel based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Description	Points
Originality	To what degree does the subject matter and conclusions treat new ideas or call for significant departure from the present state of the art? How imaginative and original was the approach? How extensive were the qualities of inventiveness and ingenuity used?	20
Significance	To what extent is the paper a major contribution to transportation engineering?	20
Scope and Format	To what degree is the paper complete in relation to its stated purpose? Is the paper well organized? Is the paper concise?	20
Validity	How sound are the approach techniques, data used, and the reasoning applied?	20
Applicability	To what degree can the conclusions reached in the paper be applied in a practical manner towards solving transportation engineering problems?	20

Please return submittals by e-mail  
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