



Institute of Transportation Engineers
Missouri Valley District

Thomas J. Seburn Student Paper Award

The purpose of the 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.

AWARD

The student submitting the paper deemed most outstanding will receive a certificate commemorating and citing the student along with a cash award of \$1,500 plus travel expenses not to exceed \$400 to attend the Spring Meeting. In addition, the first-place student will be given an opportunity to present the paper at the Spring Meeting.

Cash prizes of \$500 will be awarded for second place and \$250 for third place, if applicable.

The submission of the winning student paper, if any, will be forwarded to ITE by April 1 to be considered for the ITE Daniel J. Fambro Student Paper Award.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the Student Paper Award, a candidate must:

- A) Be a student member of ITE in a recognized college or university in the MOVITE area and enrolled in a program which is related to transportation and/or traffic engineering at the time of the application (as certified by a faculty member in charge of transportation and/or traffic engineering courses at the college).
- B) Have conducted or have been a major participant in the conduct of some independent or original technical study or other accomplishment as reported in the submitted paper while a student member of ITE. The work providing a basis for the paper shall have been completed.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND JUDGING CRITERIA

Candidates shall complete an application form (available on the MOVITE website) including contact information and current college or university attending. The application form shall be accompanied by the paper which must address a transportation topic, must be authored by one student (faculty advisor may be listed but cannot be a co-author), shall not exceed three thousand (3,000) words (tables, figures and reference lists do not count against the word count; however, the title page and all in-text citations do count), be typewritten with minimum 11-point font, and be written in English. The paper must include a title page showing title, word count, author's name, address, telephone number and date, as well as a table of contents. A headshot of the author should accompany the submission.

Judging Criteria

The papers will be judged on originality, significance, scope and format, validity, and applicability.

Originality (20 points)

To what degree do 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?

Significance (20 points)

To what extent is the paper a major contribution to transportation engineering?



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Scope and Format (20 points)

To what degree is the paper complete in relation to its stated purpose? Is the paper well organized? Is the paper concise?

Validity (20 points)

How sound are the approach techniques, data used, and the reasoning applied?

Applicability (20 points)

To what degree can the conclusions reached in the paper be applied in a practical manner towards solving transportation engineering problems?

No award will be made if, in the opinion of the selection committee, none of the papers warrant an award. No university faculty member and no relative of any applicant may participate in the judging.

DEADLINE

All materials must be submitted in Adobe Acrobat format to the Vice President (Ashley Fillback | afillback@cbbtraffic.com) no later than **March 1**.

SELECTION

Judging shall be completed no later than **April 1** and the Vice President shall forward the application of the winning student to ITE by that date.

QUESTIONS

Contact the MOVITE Vice President (Ashley Fillback | afillback@cbbtraffic.com) for questions or clarifications.