

## OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

### Purpose

Do you know an educator who has shown great creativity in teaching, taken exceptional measures to spark student interest in the transportation profession, provided unwavering encouragement for student endeavors, or shown unequalled service to the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) in the past year? The ITE Mountain District Outstanding Educator Award recognizes one educator each year who goes above and beyond for their students.

Your nominee must be a transportation educator (full- or part-time) at a school within the Mountain District (Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming). They do not need to be employed at a school with an active ITE student chapter.

### Submission and Selection Process

If you would like to nominate an outstanding educator, submit the following materials via email to the individuals listed below.

1. The nomination form (see next page).
2. A recommendation letter, no more than two pages in length, addressing their contributions in the areas of teaching, research, and ITE service. Please refer to the Sample Questions to the right for guidance. The form and letter should be completed by the same person and submitted as a single PDF.
3. An image of your nominee, preferably a recent headshot-style photo, in JPG format.

Submit the nomination materials via email to:

**Student and Younger Member Committee Chair:**  
Victoria Edington ([victoria.edington@stantec.com](mailto:victoria.edington@stantec.com))  
**Awards Committee Chair:** Ati Abad  
([atefeh.abad@atkinsrealis.com](mailto:atefeh.abad@atkinsrealis.com))

The information should be submitted by **April 3, 2026** (11:59pm Mountain Time).

All entries will be reviewed by members of the Mountain District Student and Younger Member Committee to select a winner. The winner will be notified in advance of the Mountain District Annual Meeting.

### Award

The winner will be recognized at the ITE Mountain District Annual Meeting Awards Lunch and will receive a plaque commemorating the award.

### Sample Questions

The following questions are provided only as guidance for your recommendation letter.

### Teaching

- During the past year, what courses has your nominee taught?
- Does your nominee have a unique teaching style worthy of mention?
- Does your nominee successfully spark interest in transportation as a profession through their teaching activities?

### Research

- During the past year, what types of research has your nominee been involved in?
- Does your nominee actively involve undergraduate & graduate students in their research?
- Does your nominee provide credit and encouragement for student accomplishments?

### ITE Service

- Is your nominee a current ITE member and/or the student chapter advisor at your school?
- Does your nominee actively promote membership in ITE among students at your university?
- During the past year, did your nominee attend any ITE gatherings at the International, District, Section, or Chapter level?
- During the past year, did your nominee serve in any ITE leadership roles?
- Does your nominee actively participate on any ITE committees, councils, or task forces?

# STUDENT AWARDS

## 2026 OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD NOMINATION FORM

### Nominee Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominator Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a recommendation letter, no more than two pages in length, addressing your nominee's contributions in the areas of teaching, research, and ITE service.

This form and your recommendation letter should be submitted as a single PDF, along with an image or your nominee, no later than **April 3, 2026** (11:59pm Mountain Time).