Summary of Changes | 2025 ITE Awards Program

The 2025 ITE Awards Program introduces a more inclusive approach, adding a new individual recognition category for the Transportation Achievement Awards, updating eligibility criteria for various awards, and placing greater emphasis on diversity, inclusion, and innovation across several categories. The updates reflect ITE's commitment to recognizing both organizational achievements and individual excellence in transportation. This broader scope offers new opportunities for members and organizations to be recognized for their contributions to advancing transportation solutions.

Specific Changes by Award

Transportation Achievement Awards

- **New Submission Category**: An individual category has been added for 2025.

- **Nomination Process**: Submissions must now include only one submission per District per category.

- **Clarification on Project Status**: Only completed projects or those significantly underway will be considered.

- **Expanded Eligibility**: The new individual category allows District Award Coordinators to nominate one person in addition to organizational projects.

Outstanding Section Award

- **Emphasis on Specific Meetings and Highlights**: Submissions should focus on notable meetings or events that were particularly well received, including joint meetings with other groups.

- **Submission Deadline**: March 1 for District submission, April 1 for District Coordinators to upload submissions to ITE.

- **Updated Criteria**: Greater emphasis on diversity, inclusion, and K-12 STEM outreach.

Section Momentum Award

- **Expanded Criteria**: Updates in criteria to differentiate this award from the Outstanding Section Award and focus on innovative programs and overcoming challenges, particularly for newer sections or those that have faced struggles.

- **Submission Deadline**: March 1 for District submissions, April 1 for District Coordinators to upload to ITE.

- **Focus on Diversity and Inclusion**: Increased emphasis on engaging diverse members and expanding outreach efforts.

Outstanding Student Chapter Award

- **Inclusion of Non-Traditional Disciplines**: Chapters are encouraged to engage students from outside the traditional transportation curriculum.

- **Submission Deadline**: March 1 for District submissions, April 1 for District Coordinators to upload to ITE.

Student Chapter Momentum Award

- **Expanded Criteria**: Updates in criteria to differentiate this award from the Outstanding Student Chapter Award and focus on specific areas or one area of improvement for the student chapter. The submission narrative should include efforts to broaden participation beyond traditional engineering students.

- **Deadline**: March 1 for District submissions, April 1 for District Coordinators to upload to ITE.

- **Leadership and Skill Development**: Judges will prioritize chapters that highlight leadership growth and skill-building initiatives.

Daniel B. Fambro Student Paper Award

- **Word Count Clarification**: In-text citations now count toward the overall word count, but tables, figures, and reference lists do not. Wordcount must be included on title page.

- **Submission Deadline**: March 1 for District submissions, April 1 for District Coordinators to upload to ITE.

Excellence in Highway Safety Data Award (HSIS Student Research Paper Competition)

- **Flexible Word Count**: The 2025 program introduces flexibility for papers ranging from 2,500 to 5,000 words, allowing for varying scope and depth of research.

- **Submission Deadline**: May 1, 2025.

- **New Emphasis on Insights**: Judges are instructed to value the quality of insights and research more than the length of the paper, focusing on thoughtful analysis.

General Submission Deadline Clarification

- **All Award Submissions**: For awards requiring District submission, the deadline remains March 1 for the first phase of submission to District Award Coordinators. The final upload to ITE must be completed by April 1.