

The eligibility criteria and rules are as follows:

1. The student must be listed as both the first and presenting author. As such, they must have also been the primary researcher on the project. No teams of students will be allowed.
2. Only the student listed as the first and presenting author can present the work at the meeting. It is requested that a submission to the student paper competition is in the spirit that **if accepted**, the advisor, research institution, and student will make every effort to encourage and support the student's attendance at the conference. In the occasional event where the student is unable to participate, another author should present the work; however, that paper will be disqualified from the competition.
3. The project must have been conducted while the student was enrolled at the level indicated in the competition (e.g. BS, MS, PhD). Thus, recent graduates can still participate. However, the work presented can only include what was performed prior to graduation. Eligible Doctoral students include those pursuing an MD, PhD, or equivalent terminal degree.
4. At least one co-author, generally the student's research advisor, must be included in the author list. The advisor must also consent to the submission of the abstract for the competition and the student's participation in the competition.
5. The work cannot have been previously published as a peer-reviewed publication prior to submission.
6. Only one entry per student (as first and presentation author) will be considered for the competition. If there are multiple entries from the same student, the paper(s) with the poorest score(s) will be automatically disqualified and entered for consideration in the general session.
7. The same work cannot be submitted for consideration in any other session at the meeting.
8. First place winners of BS, MS, PhD competitions in previous Student Paper Competitions are not eligible to participate in the **same** level this year again.

Questions about the Student Paper Competition may be submitted to the ASME-BED Student Paper Competition Chair, Rouzbeh Amini (ramini@uakron.edu)