



# 18th National Conference on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation

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TRB Committee on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation

## STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Awards presented at the  
18<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Rural Public and  
Intercity Bus Transportation  
Omaha, Nebraska  
October 19-22, 2008

### Introduction

The TRB Committee on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation (AP055) Student Paper Competition is designed to encourage student interest and future participation in the development of rural public and intercity bus transportation systems and solutions; to provide an opportunity for today's transportation students to apply their knowledge in a thought-provoking and hopefully enjoyable competition; and to build awareness of public transportation serving rural communities.

### Award

Awards will be made for first, second and third-place papers. Students receiving the awards will be invited to present their papers at the 18<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation being held October 19-22, 2008 in Omaha, Nebraska

Prizes:	First Place	\$1,000
	Second Place	\$ 500
	Third Place	\$ 250

The top three finishers will be eligible for reimbursement of registration and travel expenses up to \$750 each.

Winner will be recognized during the Conference, and will have their winning papers displayed on the TRB Rural Committee conference web site.

### Topic

The theme of the conference is "Partnerships for Progress in Rural Transportation." Major topics covered during the conference will include planning and design; policy, funding and finance; rural transportation in today's operating environment; technology; and special issues in rural transportation. Papers should address a topic related to the theme and one of the major topics.

**Rules**

Papers are not to exceed 2,000 words in length, must be written in English by only one person and should not have appeared in any publication other than in school publications. Entries must be submitted in paper form and electronic format via email.

**Eligibility**

At the time the paper is submitted the author must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student program. Entries shall be limited to one paper per student. Online abstracts should indicate a faculty advisor and contact information.

**Format**

The title page should include the author's name, school, mailing address, fax and phone numbers, and e-mail address. Papers should be double-spaced with one-inch margins. References should be cited as appropriate. Papers should be written using Word.

**Submission**

Entries must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2008. Send an electronic version to:

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**Selection Criteria**

Criteria to be employed to evaluate the papers include originality, innovation, practicality, timeliness, and readability. Eligible entries will be evaluated by representatives of the TRB Committee on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation. Winners will be announced on or before July 1, 2008

**Additional information**

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