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PROGRAM

Michigan Section

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Deadline: February 13, 2026

**Recipients will be honored at the
Annual Meeting in December of
2026.**

Nominations are now being accepted.

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Introduction

This is the tenth year (2026) that awards will be given at the ITE Michigan section. These awards are intended to recognize the transportation accomplishments completed in the State of Michigan and the people who have done the work. In addition, these awards are aligned with ITE's national awards so that it is easy for applicants to submit the same application for section and district/national level awards with minimal additional effort, due on February 13, 2026. ITE Michigan encourages applicants to also submit an application for district/national recognition at: <http://www.ite.org/awards/>.

All application materials shall be submitted electronically by PDF to itemichigan@gmail.com by February 13, 2026. Each application shall consist of a single PDF file. If you have questions, please contact the ITE Michigan Awards Chair: Hailey Savola, hsavola@rowepsc.com or itemichigan@gmail.com

Young Member of the Year Award

Purpose

The Institute of Transportation Engineers, Michigan Chapter, is committed to cultivating the next generation of our profession. This award is designed to recognize members under the age of 35 who have already made an impact on the profession, have demonstrated the ability to lead the next generation, and have implemented innovative techniques to solve transportation problems. (This award is consistent with ITE's Rising Stars Award.)

Eligibility

1. Must be 35 years old or younger on January 1, 2026
2. Must be a non-student member of ITE
3. Current members of the Michigan ITE Board of Directors or Awards Committee are not eligible.

Award

Award will consist of acknowledgement at a section meeting and Michigan ITE newsletter as well as a personalized recognition plaque, which will be presented at the Annual Meeting in 2026.

Selection Process

The following documents must be included in each submission:

- One (1) testimonial from a current or past District or Section officer (200 word max.)
- One (1) testimonial from a current or past supervisor (200 word max.)
- Three (3) examples of specific project experience including your role (150 wordmax./each)

Evaluation Criteria

- Overall quality of Working/Project Experience
- The role discussed on the specific project experience and impact on the success of the project
- Insight and opinions discussed in the various testimonials
- Passion and overall commitment to the advancement of the profession
- Examples of leadership skills
- Examples of applying innovative ideas

Applications will be reviewed per the criteria outlined above. Applications are due February 13, 2026. Please send submission electronically as PDF to itemichigan@gmail.com.

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YOUNG MEMBER AWARD SUBMITTAL FORM

Deadline: February 13, 2026

The following documents must be included in each submission:

- One (1) testimonial from a current or past District or Section officer (200 word max.)
- One (1) testimonial from a current or past supervisor (200 word max.)
- Three (3) examples of specific project experience including your role (150 word max./each)

Applicant Name:

Birthdate:

Address:

Title:

Organization:

Telephone:

E-mail:

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President's Award

Purpose

The purpose of the award is to recognize an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the practice of traffic or transportation engineering; for example, a practical application of traffic/transportation engineering techniques or principles, a valuable contribution through research, the successful adaptation of research findings to a practical transportation situation, or the advancement of the profession through training or administration.

Eligibility

Individual must be a Michigan ITE member and should have shown outstanding accomplishments in the field of traffic and transportation engineering. Current members of the Michigan ITE Board of Directors or Awards Committee are not eligible.

Award

Award will consist of acknowledgement at a section meeting and Michigan ITE newsletter as well as a personalized recognition plaque, which will be presented at the Annual Meeting in 2026.

Selection Process

Award applicants may apply or may be nominated by submitting a description (max 2 pages) of the nominee's outstanding contribution to the practice of traffic or transportation or transportation engineering. The award recipient shall be selected by a panel consisting of up to six members, made up of representatives from the Michigan ITE Board of Directors and/or Michigan ITE Awards Committee. Nominations are due February 13, 2026. Please send submission electronically as PDF to itemichigan@gmail.com.

*Please note that the national award requires a post-selection process. More information can be found here: <http://ite.org/awards/>

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MICHIGAN SECTION PRESIDENT'S AWARD SUBMITTAL FORM

Deadline: February 13, 2026

1. What is the nominee's outstanding contribution to the practice of traffic or transportation engineering?
2. Why is this nominee worthy of this award?

Please answer above questions not to exceed two pages. The total application cannot exceed three pages, which includes this submittal form.

Nominee's Name:

Address:

Title:

Organization:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Submitter's Name:

Address:

Title:

Organization:

Telephone:

E-mail:

- The nominee has been notified of this submittal.

*NOTE: The nominee, if not the submitter, must be notified that the project has been submitted for consideration for this award.

Please send submission electronically as one PDF by February 13, 2026 to itemichigan@gmail.com

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Transportation Achievement Award

Purpose

The Transportation Achievement Award may be awarded annually for excellence in the advancement of transportation to meet human needs, by entities concerned with transportation such as governmental agencies, legislative bodies, consulting firms, industry, and other organizations. One award will be presented that relates to any of these categories: planning, design, operations, and safety.

This award recognizes an organization for one or more of the following:

1. Development of an innovative concept in transportation planning, design, operations, or safety
2. Innovative application of a proven concept in transportation planning, design, operations, or safety
3. Implementation of a challenging transportation program through perseverance in its development and promotion
4. Program or project having a significant effect on transportation
5. Multi-faceted transportation program or project, combining many innovative and/or well-applied concepts
6. Program or project promoting a major advance in the efficiency and/or economy of transportation.

Eligibility

To be an eligible recipient for the proposed awards, the award candidate could be:

1. Governmental agency or entity
2. Transportation consulting firm
3. Private business or corporation
4. Combined public/private institution
5. Academic institution

Award

Award will consist of acknowledgement at a section meeting and Michigan ITE newsletter as well as a personalized recognition plaque, which will be given at the Annual Meeting in 2026.

Selection Process

Nominations and/or applications may be made by both members and non-members. The nomination submission should include pertinent information and, if applicable, photographs. The submittal should be in PDF format and limited to three pages. The first page of the submittal should be the submission form and the two-page attachment should describe the project and indicate how the project meets the criteria for the award. The submission should assist the Award Committee in evaluating the project against the selection criteria. Nominations are due February 13, 2026. Please send submission electronically as PDF to itemichigan@gmail.com

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TRANSPORTATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD SUBMITTAL FORM

Deadline: February 13, 2026

Title of Project/Individual:

1. Description of Project (To include objective, status, outcomes, etc.)
2. Why is this project worthy of this award?

Please answer above questions not to exceed two pages. The total application cannot exceed three pages, which includes this submittal form.

Award Category (please check the appropriate category, ONE category only):

- Planning Design Operations Safety Advocacy

Agency/Client:

Address Information:

Contact Person:

Title:

Organization:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Submitting Organization:

Full Address:

Information:

Contact Person:

Title:

Telephone:

E-mail:

- The sponsoring organization has been notified of this submittal.

*NOTE: The Agency/Client, if not the submitting organization, must be notified that the project has been submitted for consideration for this award.

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