

23rd National Conference on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation

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Breckenridge, Colorado September 30 - October 3, 2018

College and University Rural Public and Intercity Bus Essay Competition

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Guidelines for the Student Essay Competition

The 23rd National Conference on Rural and Intercity Bus is scheduled to take place in September 30 – October 3, 2018 in Breckenridge, Colorado. To encourage student participation in the conference, undergraduate students are offered the opportunity to participate in an essay competition. Two essay winners will receive cash prizes as well as travel funds to attend the conference.

Essay Winners: 1st place \$500 and 2nd place is \$250

Essay Competition Rules:

Students must attend an accredited U.S. community college, four-year college, or university as an undergraduate.

1. Students must be able to provide proof of their college or university registration.
2. Participation to the competition is voluntary.
3. Essays or papers must be the work of only one student.
4. A student may only submit one entry.
5. Students may come from any discipline: engineering, economics, business, literature, sociology, medicine, science, art, etc.
6. The essay must indicate: Student's name, email address, School name, Level of student (freshman, sophomore, etc.), Student's main course of study or major.
7. Essays must be at least two and no more than three pages long, single spaced using 12-point Times New Roman font. They can be factual or imaginative. They must be submitted in Microsoft WORD format.
8. The word document files must be saved using the following title format: 2016 RIBTC Essay Competition-Student name-School name.
9. The entry must be sent to Del Peterson (del.peterson@ndsu.edu).
10. The deadline is final. Any file sent after 5 p.m. CDT, April 15, 2018, will not be considered.
11. Students will be notified by May 20, 2018 regarding participating in the conference.
12. Students participating in this competition authorize the conference to use all or part of their work during the Conference in the form of quotes or displays. However, the work will be cited to the author and the college/university they attend.
13. Objections will not be accepted in relation to the grading of the entries or selection. Grading will only be communicated to the top two entries.
14. Winners of the competition agree to attend the conference and to possibly participate in sessions by presenting their work. In addition to the cash prize, funds will be provided for winners to travel to the conference (from destinations within the U.S. only)

Setting the stage

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Multi-modal transportation options have changed travel patterns in college towns throughout rural America. Modes such as intercity bus, bike share, rail, and more unique travel systems powered by Uber and others provide students and local citizens with a number of travel options. Within the context of these evolving and expanding mode choices, including others not mentioned, how will travel behavior in rural communities change? What role will these modes play in meeting mobility needs while considering technological, demographic, social, economic, and environmental trends in rural America?

Judging Criteria:

All essays will be judged on originality, innovation, practicality, timeliness, and readability.