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# 24th Annual Transportation Education Symposium Student Information

"My career choices and opportunities have been shaped significantly by that one experience as a student at the Symposium 20 years ago."

> Sasha Dansky Principal Mark Thomas

"Seven of our employees attended past Symposiums as students."

> Matt Henry President & CEO, Fehr & Peers

## Who is Eligible?

The 24th Annual CTF Transportation Education Symposium is open to California university undergraduates in the fields of transportation - usually civil engineering and transportation planning - although students with other transportation related majors may also be welcome. University faculty must recommend students. We are looking for articulate, high performing students.

## When?

Name badges, conference program, coffee and muffins will be available at 9:00 am on November 8 during registration check-in. The program begins at 10:15 am and ends at 2:30 pm on November 9. Your professor must submit your nomination by Sept. 27.

## Cost?

**Free to students.** Providing worthy students free participation in this event is part of the mission of the nonprofit California Transportation Foundation. CTF does not cover the cost of student travel to the event.

## **Hotel Information**

Your Transportation Education Symposium experience will include a complimentary sleeping room reservation at the San Jose Marriott. You will be housed with a student roommate. All meals are included with your registration and are taken together with the professionals.

## Transportation, Carpooling and Free Shuttle from Airport

The only thing you need to pay for is your travel to the Education Symposium. The San Jose Marriott is located at 301 South Market Street, San Jose. For those flying into

San Jose, we will provide a free airport shuttle from the San Joe Airport, **although you must arrange for a flight that arrives by 9:45 am**. The shuttle is only for students arriving via the airport. If you are driving please let us know if you would like us to arrange a carpool. Some universities reimburse students for the cost of travel. Contact your nominating professor to find out if your university does so.

## Who Will Be There?

You will join 40 other junior or senior undergraduate students majoring in transportationrelated fields from schools throughout the state and 40 high-level professionals from all fields of transportation, both public and private sector.

## What You Should Get Out of the Symposium

Jump in. Speak up. Eat lunch with your professional partner and build relationships that will last beyond this Symposium. No advanced preparation is required. Especially during the session on employment make sure you ask what you want to know – starting salaries at their firms, graduate school or not, how to get ahead in transportation. Don't miss this opportunity to get the straight scoop. The professionals are excited about the Symposium and meeting you. They are covering your cost of attendance with their sponsorships.

## **CTF Scholarships**

This year we are offering three scholarships with a combined total value of \$8,500. Only the thirty-eight students who attend the 2018 CTF Transportation Education Symposium will receive scholarship applications. The scholarship awards will be presented in Sacramento in February and in May. **Students will be eligible even if they graduate between the Symposium in November and presentation of the award**. Use it to pay off student loans or go to graduate school.

## What to Wear

Dress is smart casual. In other words, no suits, ties or pantyhose, but no board shorts or tank tops either.

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