



2026 ITS Minnesota Educational Scholarship Competition

Applications Due: Friday, October 30th, 2026

ITS Minnesota fosters grassroots participation and public-private partnerships to inspire, educate, and support the use of intelligent transportation technology that improves safety, equity, and mobility for all Minnesotans.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAV) encompass a broad range of technologies that enhance transportation safety and mobility by integrating communication technologies into transportation infrastructure, vehicles, and other roadway users. ITS/CAV technologies improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, provide alternate route mapping, increase safety, allow for the safe deployment of connected and automated vehicles, increase mobility on demand, and can improve sustainability.

Want to learn more about ITS/CAV, you can visit the following websites to learn more about the ITS industry in Minnesota and around the country:

- www.its.dot.gov
- www.dot.state.mn.us/its/
- <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/automated/>
- <https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop17001/ch1.htm>

To support and encourage professional capacity building and increase awareness of technology solutions in transportation, ITS Minnesota is proud to announce up to six educational scholarships of \$1,500 per award.

The purpose of this educational scholarship award is to reward students for their interest in the transportation industry, particularly Intelligent Transportation Systems and/or Connected and Automated Vehicles, and to help further their educational pursuits.

Minimum requirements for scholarship eligibility:

1. Have not previously received an ITS Minnesota Scholarship,
2. Meet graduation and post-secondary/training requirements:
 - a. Will graduate from high school in the next calendar year or have graduated from high school
 - AND**
 - b. Either:

- i. If graduating or graduated from a high school in Minnesota, North Dakota, or South Dakota, will be attending/does attend a postsecondary education school or training program with at least 6 credits remaining in the next calendar year
OR
- ii. If graduating or graduated from a high school outside of Minnesota, North Dakota, or South Dakota, will be attending/does attend a postsecondary education school or training program in Minnesota, North Dakota, or South Dakota with at least 6 credits remaining in the next calendar year

The scholarships are competitive and applicants will be evaluated on responses to required questions.

We welcome and encourage applicants from all backgrounds and life experiences, and we believe that diverse perspectives strengthen the ITS and CAV community and enrich the impact of this scholarship.

Submit completed applications to Darrin Rickbeil via e-mail at darrin.rickbeil@bolton-menk.com with the subject line “2026 ITS Minnesota Educational Scholarship Application”. Applications are due on Friday, October 30th, 2026.

A committee designated by the ITS Minnesota Board of Directors will select scholarship recipients. Scholarships will be presented at the 2026 ITS MN Annual Meeting. Scholarship recipients are requested to attend the 2026 ITS MN Annual Meeting to accept their award or submit an acceptance video to be shown during the event.

If you have questions, please contact:

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2026 ITS Minnesota Educational Scholarship Competition Application Form

Required Information

Name:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

High School (Name, City, State):

Postsecondary School / Training Program (Name, City, State):

Major(s):

Minor(s):

Expected Graduation Date:

Optional Information

Gender Identity:

Race/ethnicity:

Required Questions

Please answer the following questions, limiting your response to two pages total.

1. Tell us about yourself, your background, and what sets you apart from other applicants.
2. Please share what your academic plans and achievements to date are (course work, projects, honors, etc.) and how this award will help you continue to pursue them.
3. Why are you interested in intelligent transportation systems and technologies?
4. What activities/organizations/volunteering are you involved with?
5. ITS America and ITS Minnesota are committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion as we consider technology's effects on communities. Please share what your vision is for innovation in transportation and what you would like your contribution to change to be.