



Association of State
Dam Safety Officials

ASDSO STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

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WHO IS ASDSO?

The Association of Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO) is a national, non-profit association of over 3,400 members representing all facets of the dam and levee safety community.

Our mission is to improve the condition and safety of dams and lower the risk of dam failures through education, support for state dam safety programs, and fostering a unified dam safety community.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

ASDSO provides students interested in a career in dam and levee safety many opportunities to get involved in our organization including FREE student membership. Visit DamSafety.org/JoinASDSO for details.

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STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

Each year, ASDSO invites students to enter the Student Paper Competition, open to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees at U.S. universities or colleges.

Topics may include traditional areas of design engineering, structural and geotechnical analysis, hydrology, hydraulics, construction, risk management and hazard mitigation, emergency action planning, dam security, and policy. In addition, case studies, emerging and innovative technologies, and senior capstone projects are encouraged.

WINNING PRIZE

Each winning paper will receive a \$2,000 prize and a travel stipend (up to \$1,000) to attend the Dam Safety conference. Winning papers will also be published in the annual conference proceedings and may be published in the *Journal of Dam Safety*.