

# NCITEC - Outstanding Student of the Year Awards

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. Eligible candidates must have completed with a grade of B or better at least 12 hours of graduate course work at the time the selection is made, and have a graduate GPA in excess of 3.25 (out of 4.00).
2. Eligible candidates must have received financial support from the UTC program for at least two semesters prior to receiving the award.
3. Selection will be based upon accomplishments in three areas: Technical Merit and Research, Academic Performance, and Professionalism and Leadership. Evidence of research merit is based upon faculty nomination and evaluation of submitted written papers or reports. Academic performance is based upon courses attempted and grades attained. Evidence of professionalism and leadership can be in the form of presentations at professional society meetings and symposia, and leadership in student professional activities.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Candidates must be a US citizen or permanent resident.

**NOMINATION PACKET:** To help in the selection process **all** of the following information must be submitting as a part of the nomination:

- Student's name (with phonetic spelling), e-mail address, and gender,
- Name of university and department in which student is enrolled
- Statement confirming that the student is a US citizen or permanent resident (***there will be no exemptions or exceptions granted regarding this requirement***).
- Student bio not to exceed 250 words (the bio must address why the student should receive the award)
- Title of student's thesis/dissertation (or primary transportation area of experience), advisor's name
- Nomination letter from faculty
- Student's CV and academic transcript
- Copy of any paper(s) authored or co-authored by the student

The selected student will receive \$1,000 plus the cost of attendance (conference registration and travel/lodging expenses) to the 2016 95th Annual TRB Meeting. In addition, the USDOT will provide him/her with two free registrations (for the student and his/her guest) to attend the Council of University Transportation Centers (CUTC) Banquet, where the annual SOY Awards will be presented. The banquet will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9 at approximately 6:00 pm. More information about the event can be found on the CUTC website at <http://mycutc.com>.

Nominations packets are due to NCITEC at [usher@ise.msstate.edu](mailto:usher@ise.msstate.edu) by 5 pm, Monday, Nov. 9, 2015.