

**American Statistical Association**  
**Business and Economic Statistics Section**  
**JSM 2026 Best Student Paper Award Application**

The Business and Economic Statistics Section (B&E) of the American Statistical Association (ASA) will offer up to four student paper awards for B&E student members in doctoral programs in business, economics, econometrics, statistics, or allied disciplines. The section encourages submissions on novel methods, theory, and applications from all areas of business and economic statistics. Support is offered for students to participate in the 2026 Joint Statistical Meetings, to be held in Boston, MA, August 1-6, 2026.

Awards are contingent upon the applicant presenting their paper at JSM. **Note:** *this application is for a student paper award only; you must apply separately to participate in the Joint Statistical Meetings as a presenter, in addition to registering for the conference.*

Student paper award applications must include this form and the additional materials listed below. The ASA has some further requirements on applications for student awards to any ASA section – please read these at:

<http://www.amstat.org/asa/education/Student-Paper-Competition-Travel-Award-to-Attend-the-Joint-Statistical-Meetings.aspx>

**Note:** *Students may submit papers to a maximum of two sections, but they can only accept an award from one section. If a student wins and accepts an award, they must inform both sections they applied to, which will disqualify them from the award competition for the second section.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

University and Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(Expected) Graduation Date/Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST – ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO THIS FORM**

- 1 Paper: student must be lead author, and papers that have been accepted for publication are not eligible (limit 35 total pages, double-spaced).
- 2 The student must be an ASA B&E section member to apply. Information on joining can be found at: <https://community.amstat.org/businessandeconomicstatisticssection/join>.
- 3 Letter of support from faculty advisor, including the student's overall contribution to the submitted paper, confirmation of the student's eligibility (applicant is a student, or applicant completed work as a student during 2025), and the paper's publication status (limit 1 page). The student status does not apply to post-docs.
- 4 Copy of the most recent transcript (or equivalent report) from the student's university.

**PLEASE COMBINE ALL DOCUMENTS INTO A SINGLE FILE**

**To ensure full consideration, applications should be submitted electronically by November 15, 2025, via e-mail to:**

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