

Student Travel Awards

The Fall and Spring topical symposia of the New York State Section (NYSS) provide venues for students to attend regional conferences on topics of current interest within the physics community. The presentations at the symposia are typically given at a level that is appropriate for both advanced undergraduate students and graduate students.

The NYSS provides travel awards to students to help with expenses related to travel and hotel accommodations. The awards are a maximum of \$150 per student with submission of the appropriate receipts. When multiple students from a single institution request reimbursement, it is expected that transportation costs, as well as room costs, will be shared. Specifically, it is expected that the students car pool and room together as much as possible. The NYSS does not reimburse students for any food expenses. Students must register for the symposium, attend each scheduled session, and also attend the banquet to be eligible for the travel reimbursement. If a student is presenting a poster at the symposium, the registration fee is waived. When student expenses and attendance have been documented and approved, the student will receive the reimbursement from the American Physical Society (APS) directly into their banking account. If more than one student from a single institution is supported, one student should be identified as the recipient of the deposit, and that person will be expected to disburse any monies owed to fellow students upon receipt of the APS bank deposit.

Students who are studying Physics or a related field within the State of New York, or its contiguous states and provinces, are eligible to apply for travel grants to attend the symposium. The applicant should send an email with a brief paragraph that specifies the requested grant amount and how the funds will be spent to Prof. Carl A. Ventrice, Jr. at cventrice@albany.edu for approval. One application can be made for several students, but the name and mailing address of each student must appear within the email. Travel support requests for the Spring 2026 symposium must be received by Friday, April 10, 2026. Once the application is approved, a Direct Deposit form will be sent to the applicant. The form must be filled out and sent by the applicant directly to the APS at accountspayable@aps.org. After the symposium is over, the student should send copies of their receipts to Prof. Ventrice so that he can send a Travel Reimbursement request to the APS. Once the APS receives both the Direct Deposit form from the student and the Travel Reimbursement form from Prof. Ventrice, the APS finance department will deposit the payment into the applicant's banking account.