**Background**

The Great Lakes District of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (GLITE) is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted from younger members (age 35 and under) to receive financial support from the Great Lakes ITE Endowment Fund. The goal of the Endowment Fund is to provide financial assistance to members to attend meetings, training, and networking opportunities to advance their careers and encourage engagement in ITE.

For 2024, GLITE will provide at least one award to an GLITE member aged 35 or younger to assist in attending the 2024 District Annual Meeting in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The disbursement of funds will be between $500 and $1,000 with the opportunity for more than one individual to receive an award. Attendance at this meeting is an excellent opportunity for career growth and networking with other ITE members in the District. The District will continue to raise funds in a number of ways and will offer funding to all members for a range of career enhancement activities focused on ITE in the future. Use of GLITE Endowment Funding must be for direct expenses specifically for the 2024 GLITE Annual Meeting (transportation, meals, lodging, registration, etc.). Documentation of eligible expenses must be supplied to the District Endowment Committee within 30 days of the Annual Meeting to receive reimbursement.

**Application Process**

The GLITE Endowment Committee will make their selection(s) in April 2024. There are two parts to the application process. On the next page, please provide your contact information. Students, please provide your college or university as well as your anticipated graduation date. For other younger members, please provide your employer. The second part of the application is a written personal statement as outlined below.

Please provide a short essay (no longer than two pages in length) providing the Endowment Committee with reasons why you are the best candidate to receive this funding. In your essay, please include:

* ITE Involvement (student chapter leadership, local section membership, and/or attendance at past ITE events, etc.)
* Reasons why you would like to attend the District Annual Meeting
* Your career goals and how attending the District Annual Meeting will help you reach those goals through networking opportunities and/or continuing education opportunities

Additionally, your essay could touch on some of these items to help us have a better understanding of your funding needs and academic/professional situation:

* Are you coming from a region of the District where travel may be cost-prohibitive? (For example, traveling from the west part of the District to Duluth may not be an expense your company is able to reimburse)
* Are you in an area of transportation underrepresented in ITE such as transportation planners, data analysts, or State/Local government agencies?
* Have you attended an ITE District Meeting in the past?

Feel free to include additional information you feel is relevant based on the above topics to help the GLITE Endowment Committee understand your request and get to know you better.

On behalf of the GLITE Endowment Committee, we look forward to the opportunity to provide funding assistance in 2024 to our younger members to assist in career development and networking opportunities.

Candidate Information Form

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| Name |  |
| ITE Chapter/Section |  |
| Mailing Address |  |
| Email Address |  |
| Phone Number |  |
| Member Type (student or full member?) |  |
| College/University and/or Employer (if student and intern/worker, list both)  |  |

Please return applications by e-mail no later than **APRIL 1, 2024** to:

Tyler Krage

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Applicants will be notified of award by May 1, 2024

If you have questions, please contact Tyler Krage or any of the committee members.

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