



FLORIDA ENGINEERING SOCIETY 2026 AWARD FOR CHAPTER EXCELLENCE

FES is sponsoring a state-level ACE (Award for Chapter Excellence) Award competition again this year, which emphasizes individual chapter activities. The **FES ACE Award** will be presented to the winning chapter at the **2026 FES|ACEC Florida Annual Conference** in July.

The emphasis on individual activities should allow for even competition between all chapters, whether small, medium, or large. An activity shall be defined as one specific area of chapter involvement, for example, MATHCOUNTS®, a legislative event or community outreach program; or it can be defined as a broad area of chapter involvement, for example, education, which could cover all chapter activities that benefit education including MATHCOUNTS®, scholarship fundraisers, high school career days, etc.

To apply for the FES ACE Award, use the enclosed application and include the Award Declaration Sheet. Entries must be submitted by **Friday, April 17, 2026**, to Kamryn Hacker at khacker@fleng.org.



Guidelines for FES ACE Award competition:

1. The Leadership Advisory Committee will follow the judging criteria below. Entries will be ranked on voting members ballots as their First, Second and Third choices.
2. Chapters must submit an electronic copy of their application to state headquarters by **April 17, 2026**. Please note: The application includes 11 pages -- a title page, two pages for the application and eight pages (four sheets front and back) for description/photographs of the entry. Adherence to these rules will be considered in the voting. Any photos, reproductions of photos or illustrations must be included in the eight pages for description of the activity.
3. Awards: There will be a first place, second place, and third place.
4. The Judging Criteria states that you may claim a membership bonus. A copy of the March 31, 2026, Membership Report can be obtained by emailing asmith@fleng.org.
5. Entries will be reviewed, and award winners selected, by the Leadership Advisory Committee by the end of June.
6. The state awards will be presented at the 2026 FES | ACEC Florida Annual Conference in July.
7. Judging Criteria for the FES ACE Award will be as follows:

A. Activity Quality 40%

1. Engineering Value
2. Community Impact
3. Planning/Organization

B. Public Exposure 40%

1. Total of FES/ACEC non-member participants
2. Student participation (K through graduate school)
3. Public presentation/awareness
4. Percent of membership actively participating

C. Presentation of Entry Application..... 20%

1. Clarity
2. Conciseness
3. Professionalism

Entries are to be judged on the entered activity, which may be for a single project or an overall program. Entries will be ranked by preference as First, Second and Third choices based on the above criteria. Please contact Kamryn Hacker by email at khacker@fleng.org.



**2026 ENTRY DECLARATION SHEET
FES ACE AWARD**

Entry Title: _____

FES Award for Chapter Excellence

**Presented by the
FES Leadership Advisory Committee**

Deadline for Application: April 17, 2026



**FLORIDA ENGINEERING SOCIETY
APPLICATION FOR 2026 FES ACE AWARD**

I. Chapter: _____

Administrative year from: _____ to _____

President: _____

Address: _____

II. Provide a brief description of the activity.

III. Provide a summary of the plan or timetable for the activity:

IV. Provide a brief statement of the purpose of the activity.



V. Provide a statement as to how this program could serve as a model activity, which could be adopted by other FES chapters.

VI. Membership as of March 31, 2025: _____

Membership as of March 31, 2026: _____

** Additional consideration will be given to Chapters whose membership increases. **