

## 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting April 5-7, 2026

Caesars Palace Las Vegas Las Vegas, NV

## CALL FOR PAPERS AND SESSION PROPOSALS

The Association of Private Enterprise Education<sup>®</sup> (APEE) invites paper submissions and session proposals for its 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting, which will take place at Caesars Palace Las Vegas in Las Vegas, NV on April 5-7, 2026 (Sunday through Tuesday).

The Association is composed of scholars pursuing research in economics and other academic disciplines, as well as policy analysts and professional educators. The APEE Meeting explores topics related to the private enterprise system with research presentations and panel discussions focused on fields including, but not limited to, applied microeconomics, Austrian economics, public choice, new institutional economics, and political economy, as well as economic education and instructional techniques. Attendees are encouraged to submit their papers to the Association's journal, *The Journal of Private Enterprise*. There is no submission fee.

APEE welcomes paper submissions and session proposals related to the theme of the 50th Meeting:

## THE HISTORY OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE EDUCATION

In recognition of the APEE 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting, members of the Association will celebrate the history of private enterprise education over the last 50 years. The citation for the APEE Clark-Kent-Aronoff Distinguished Service Award states the following: "The burdens of all within the organization are shouldered by only a few." With that in mind, many APEE past presidents and board members, APEE distinguished fellows, past winners of APEE awards – the Adam Smith Award, Thomas Jefferson Award, Distinguished Scholar Award, Clark-Kent-Aronoff Award, and *The Journal of Private Enterprise* awards – will attend to commemorate the occasion. Further, APEE invites contributions to the newly established endowment to fund the **Gerald Gunderson Best Paper/James Gwartney Best Educational Note Awards**.

APEE invites individual papers and sessions that celebrate the rich history of the organization and explore opportunities for APEE to grow in scale, scope, and influence over the next 50 years. APEE will also recognize the broader network of private enterprise education organizations, including (but not limited to) the Foundation for Economic Education, the Institute for Humane Studies, the Foundation for Teaching Economics and The Mont Pelerin Society, encouraging critical engagement that will strengthen the pursuit of our shared educational goals.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Meeting of The Association of Private Enterprise Education provides an opportunity to join together in Las Vegas as a band of brothers and sisters who work (and play) hard to reflect on our last 50 years and plan for the next 50. Paper submissions and session proposals on this theme can address:

- The importance of scholarly organizations like APEE in the private enterprise world.
- Managerial best practices for private enterprise education.
- The role of university chairs and deans in supporting private enterprise education.
- The importance of philanthropy to private enterprise education.
- The changing landscape and possible threats to private enterprise education in the future.

Authors of paper proposals addressing the conference theme will be invited to submit their manuscripts for consideration of publication in a special issue or symposium of *The Journal of Private Enterprise* following the meeting.

APEE also welcomes papers on any topic in the broad area of private enterprise.

Individuals wishing to submit a paper(s) or session proposal(s) should submit directly through the APEE Meeting Savvy submission portal at <a href="https://www.apee.org/">https://www.apee.org/</a>. Questions about the program theme and submission process may be directed to APEE Vice <a href="https://www.apee.org/">President/Program Chair Robert Lawson (Southern Methodist University)</a>) at <a href="mailto:apee.meeting@ttu.edu">apee.meeting@ttu.edu</a> or (806) 742-7138.

The deadline for abstract submissions and session proposals is Monday, December 1, 2025.