

2026 ASA South Florida Student Data Challenge

Organized by the American Statistical Association (ASA) South Florida Chapter

Deadline: 11:59pm EST, February 20, 2026

Eligibility: Any **undergraduate** and **graduate** students worldwide. Students compete within their academic level. Participation may be individual or in teams of up to 4.

Dataset: 1,200 individuals and 97 variables from the 2024 NHANES. Outcome: noise-perturbed HDL cholesterol.

Submission: Submit predictions for HDL cholesterol in pred.csv and a ≤4-page report describing modeling and validation.

Awards: \$150 per winner (one for undergraduate and one for graduate). Winners will be recognized and invited to present posters at the [2026 ASA Florida Chapter Meeting](#).

Top 20% of participants receive certificates of recognition.

Top 10% receive a waived registration fee for the 2026 ASA Florida Chapter Meeting.

Competition details, data download, and submission link:
<https://luminwin.github.io/ASASF/>

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