

What is NAWIC & NEF

NAWIC was founded in Fort Worth, TX in 1955 with the goal of enhancing the success of women in the construction industry.

Today, the association has become a source of networking, support & education for its more than 5,500 members.

Internationally the association has expanded to include their sister organizations in Canada, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Australia, and South Africa.

To fulfill the educational goal of NAWIC the association created the NAWIC Education Foundation in 1973.

In addition to it's adult education programs each year the foundation sponsors three programs aimed at school age children:

- Block Kids
- Building Design
- CAD/Design Drafting Scholarship

For more information about these programs contact your local NAWIC chapter or the NEF.

NAWIC Education Foundation Goals:

- Provide quality education programs for the construction industry.
- Promote the benefits of a career in the construction industry.



The NAWIC Education Foundation K-12 educational programs are designed to make students aware of the rewarding career opportunities available to them in the construction industry.

Construction is the largest industry in the world, employing more people in the United States than any other industry.

We hope your NAWIC Chapter or community organization will help educate our children about the many opportunities available in the construction industry and introduces these programs to our future leaders.

NAWIC Education Foundation

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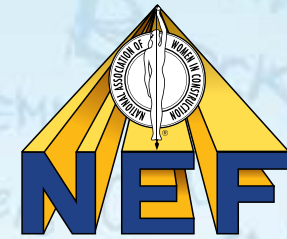
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K-12 Programs
Educating The
Construction Industry Today...
and Tomorrow



Block Kids

The Block Kids program was created in 1990 to introduce children in grades 1 - 6 to the construction industry.

By asking elementary aged children to construct a structure out of 100 interlocking blocks & and three items (small rock, string, foil, or poster board) the Block Kids program stimulates ideas

Pictures of the winning project will be sent to the regional competition and one regional semi-finalist will be sent to the national competition where prizes are awarded to the top three projects.

- A fun, creative project that will engage students.
- NOVA award winning program.
- More than 300,000 children have participated in this program.



Building Design

The Building Design Program uses construction of a model house to show students that science, math and communication are all involved in construction.

Students work in a group to form a virtual company tasked with building a 1,500 ft² home.

They will have to solve site problems, perform an estimating exercise to determine the cost of the house, develop and draw a floor plan for the house and build a model to scale.

This program can be delivered as a 6-week in classroom program with construction industry speakers or a 4-hour program that can be presented in a non-classroom setting; such as a scouting troop.



CAD

The CAD Design/Drafting Scholarship program brings real world drafting problems to the classrooms of senior high school students.

The contest provides recognition to students for creative design, successful problem solving, and craftsmanship in preparing architectural drawings.

Each "Design Problem" is created by a licensed architect or engineer and is generic enough to meet the needs of all areas of the US and the NAWIC international affiliates.

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