

What is NAWIC & NEF?

The National Association of Women in Construction 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 3,500 members.

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

To fulfill the educational goal of NAWIC, the association created the NAWIC Education Foundation in 1973. The evolution of the Foundation now includes all aspects of the construction industry.

In addition to Block Kids, each year the Foundation sponsors produces two more programs aimed at school age children:

- Accessory Structure Project (grades 8-12)
- CAD Design/Drafting (grades 9-12)

NEF also offers adult education programs.

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

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 youth 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 that you will partner with NAWIC & NEF in educating our youth about the construction opportunities that await tomorrow's leaders.

NAWIC Education Foundation

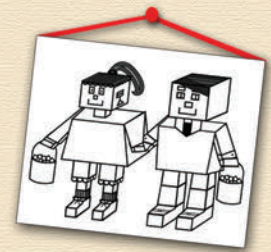
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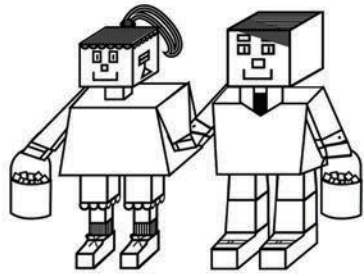
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Block Kids





Construction Requires Imagination & Thought

The Block Kids program was created in 1990 to introduce children in grades 1 - 6 to the construction industry. Since launching the program, more than 300,000 children have participated.

- A fun, creative program that will engage your students.
- NOVA award winning program.



Program Guidelines

Kids are given a maximum of one hour to use their blocks & selected items to build a project that is in some way related to the construction industry.

Items used:

- 100 Interlocking blocks
- 3 of the following items:
 - Small rock
 - String
 - Foil
 - Poster board

Once completed, judges will ask the participants about their project.

- Why did they chose to build this project?
- What do you like about it?
- Is there anything you would change?
- How will it be used?

Projects are scored on:

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| • Oral Presentation | • Use of materials |
| • Enthusiasm | • Attention to detail |
| • Creativity | • Reason for participation |

Projects are judged at the local, regional and national level. Prizes are awarded to the top three national winners.



Testimonials

"It was awesome to see 200 students at one time so intent on building their unique projects".

*Darlynn Douglas, PTA Secretary
Kenneth Murphy Elementary School
Beach Park, IL*

"Our community members are still talking about our successful Block Kids event. It was especially memorable for my neighbor, who won the event. He is now sure that he wants to be a construction engineer"

*Glenn Hillegas, Principal
Stanley E. Foster
Construction Tech Academy
San Diego, CA*

