

2026

Central Virginia & Hampton Roads

EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION

AWARDS

ABC-VA CRAFT INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR ENTRY FORM

Early Bird Deadline: July 20, 2026
Final: August 3, 2026



Virginia
**2026 Excellence
in Construction®
Awards**

Awards Ceremony: October 22, 2026

*For any and all questions regarding the Excellence in Construction Awards, please contact
Rob Camlin, ABC-VA Vice President: rob@abcva.org or 757-855-8220*

All entries must be received on or before Monday, August 3, 2026

Call for Entries

Please do not reproduce this application in your own format.

ABC Virginia (ABC-VA) invites our members to nominate ABC-VA craft instructors for consideration in the 2026 EIC Craft Instructor of the Year Award category.

Eligibility

- Currently teach a construction trade at an NCCER/ABC-VA Accredited Training Education Facility (ATEF), Accredited Training Unit (ATU) or Training Unit (TU)
- Be an NCCER-certified instructor with verification
- Possess a minimum of three (3) consecutive years of experience teaching a construction trade (or equivalent instructor experience)
- Self-nominations are prohibited
- Past winners are not eligible

Questions concerning eligibility should be directed to:

Darlene Hart, ABC-VA State Workforce Development Director / [804-346-4222](tel:804-346-4222) or darlene@abcva.org

Recognition

- Recognized during the Excellence in Construction Awards Ceremony on October 22, 2026
- Free registration to ABC Convention 2027
- Recognition in ABC-VA's monthly e-newsletter
- Automatically nominated for ABC's 2026 National Construction Workforce Awards

Timeline

Nominations must be submitted by Monday, August 3. All applicants will be notified by September 4.

Fee

- Early Bird Pricing (Ends 7/20): **\$100** per individual
- Standard Pricing (Deadline 8/3): **\$150** per individual



2025 Craft Instructor of the Year

Darwin Linares
Old Dominion Insulation + ABC-VA Instructor

Please check all names and titles for accuracy and completeness – engraving on all awards and printing in the program will reflect the information you provide. Please type; **no handwritten information.**

Nominee Information

First & Last Name: _____

Title: _____ Company: _____

Region: Central Virginia Hampton Roads

NCCER Card Number: _____ Craft(s) Taught: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Nominator Information

First & Last Name: _____

Title: _____ Company: _____

Region: Central Virginia Hampton Roads

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Criteria

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (10 POINTS)

Explain why your nominee is deserving of ABC-VA’s Craft Instructor of the Year Award using no more than 250 words. **Please attach essay in Microsoft Word with your submission.**

STUDENT FEEDBACK (15 POINTS)

Include a minimum of two (2) recommendations from former or current students. Attach as separate PDFs, or include on the same Microsoft Word document with letter of recommendation.

Please include supporting examples for the following questions.

OVERALL PERFORMANCE (20 POINTS)

Explain how the nominee understands complex situations and how he/she overcomes obstacles.

How does the nominee use technology to provide a better educational experience?

SPECIAL PROJECTS/SERVICES (10 POINTS)

Please describe any special completed projects or services that go above and beyond regular classroom instruction.

SAFETY (20 POINTS)

How does the nominee regularly integrate safety into the classroom and labs?

How does the nominee promote safety awareness and excellence?

WORK HISTORY (20 POINTS)

Using the questions below, provide a detailed explanation of your nominee's work experience (titles, duties and duration), education, training, and professional development activities.

A resume may be submitted in lieu of completing "WORK HISTORY" questions below.

How many years has your nominee worked in the construction industry? _____

List any and all duties and responsibilities pertaining to nominee's instructor role:

List related job titles, duties and responsibilities and duration worked in each of those areas pertaining to nominee's company employee role:

List any construction industry outreach efforts/advisory committee outreach efforts:

List any training and education completed for personal and professional development:

List certifications, qualifications, licenses and awards:

A resume may be submitted in lieu of completing "WORK HISTORY" questions above.

ABC MERIT SHOP PROUD (5 POINTS)

How does this nominee exemplify the merit shop philosophy, the belief that competition should always be open and fair?

How to Submit

- Email all required documents and photos to Maddy Goulden (maddy@abcva.org) through [wetransfer.com](https://www.wetransfer.com), **or**
- Hand deliver or mail a thumb drive with all required documents and photos to the ABC-VA Hampton Roads office at 530 Independence Parkway, Suite 500, Chesapeake, VA 23320.

Terms & Agreements

All documents, including photos, submitted with this entry become the property of ABC-VA and can be used by ABC-VA for any purpose deemed necessary to advance the mission statement, vision and goals of the chapter.

I agree to the terms above.

Signature

Print Name

Date

CHECKLIST AND PAYMENT ON FOLLOWING PAGE

Entry Checklist

- Entry fee per nomination (by July 20: \$100 / by August 3: \$150)
- Completed entry form for each entry. **Handwritten and/or self-created forms will be disqualified**
- High-resolution photo of nominee in .JPG or .PNG format
- Letter of Recommendation in Microsoft Word or PDF
- Two (2) recommendations from students

Payment Information

- My check is enclosed for \$_____ (pay to the order of ABC Virginia)
- Apply my \$_____ entry fee(s) to my credit card

Company Name: _____ Card Holder Name: _____

Email Address (for receipt): _____

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: ____ / ____ CVC #: _____ Zip Code: _____



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