NAHB Professional Women in Building Awards
Frequently Asked Questions

Local Council Project Awards

What’s the eligible timeframe for a council project or event to be considered?
All projects and events that took place November 2, 2018 – September 30, 2019 are eligible.

When can I enter? Now – September 30, 2019

How much is it to enter? A one-time contribution of $125 to the NAHB PWB Building Hope Scholarship Fund is required for council project awards and covers multiple project entries (enter as many entries for the price of one contribution!).

All other PWB awards including individual leadership, grants and PWB Spike membership program awards are free to enter.

Are contributions/entry fee refundable?
No. Entry contributions must be paid at the time your application(s) is submitted. Fee is non-refundable.

How many award categories can a council enter? For a one-time contribution of $125 to the Building Hope Scholarship Fund, a council may enter as many programs as they’d like. However, each entry must be submitted as a separate application if submitting for a different category.

When and how do I remit my contribution? Contributions are required at the time you apply using the online application check out process. Visa, Mastercard, and American Express.

What is the Building Hope Scholarship Fund? The NAHB PWB Building Hope Scholarship Fund is a restricted savings account named after Hope Bettilyon, the first president of the NAHB Professional Women in Building Council. Members and local councils receive assets from the account to give as scholarships to college students in their communities.

Can I enter a project that was entered for last year’s competition? Yes. The only stipulation is that the project must not have received a previous NAHB Professional Women in Building Award in the same project category.

What’s the deadline to enter? All PWB Council and Individual Award applications must be received no later than September 30, 2019. There will not be an extension.

How much money is awarded to winning councils? Local councils may win up to $600 per category per entry for project awards.

What should I do if I’m not sure which category best fits my entry? Enter your project in the category you feel is most appropriate. If the judges believe it belongs in another category, they will move it appropriately. Your entry will not be penalized.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the application or submitting? Contact the NAHB Professional Women in Building staff at womeninbuilding@nahb.org or 202-266-8410.
**Individual Awards**

**Who is eligible for an individual leadership award?** All PWB council members with an active membership may apply or be nominated for an individual leadership award.

**Are self-nominations accepted?** Yes.

**What are the individual leadership award categories?**

- **Woman of the Year** - The highest level of recognition presented by the NAHB Professional Women in Building Council
- **Member of the Year** – Recognizes a PWB member that belongs to a local HBA with a Professional Women in Building Council whose accomplishments at the local and/or state levels benefit the home building industry and her community.
- **National Member of the Year** – Recognizes a PWB member who is not affiliated with an HBA whose accomplishments benefit the home building industry and her community.
- **One to Watch Award** - Recognizes a PWB member under 40 years of age for their dedication to the council, professional achievements and passion to enhance and support home building and women within the industry.
- **NAHB PWB Executive Officer of the Year** – Recognizes the support and commitment of an outstanding Executive Officer to their local and/or state Professional Women in Building Council.

**Does individual leadership award winners receive scholarship money for students?** Yes, individual leadership awards winners may receive up to $500 in scholarship. However, the scholarship is made out to the local council the individual award winner belongs to and scholarships should be given to local students pursuing education in a housing-related course or activity. For at-large members, the scholarship may be given to a student in the recipient’s community.

**Can I enter more than one individual leadership award category?** Yes.

**Is there a fee to enter an individual leadership award category?** There is no fee to nominate or to submit an individual leadership award application.

**What’s the deadline to enter?** All entries must be received no later than September 30, 2018.
Women of the Future Education Grant

Who is eligible to receive an education grant? All PWB members who have an active membership are eligible.

What type of education can be grant be used towards? Grants can be used for PWB members attending any NAHB approved certification course, a 2 or 4-year college or university course in an industry related program, courses related to certification or licensing maintenance, or other courses described by the applicant and accepted by the grant judges is eligible.

When would I receive my award if I were to win? Reimbursement is given for courses taken between October 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020.

Is there a fee to apply for an education grant? There is no fee to apply for an education grant.

Women of the Future Member Travel Grant to the NAHB Spring Leadership Meetings

What meetings/events does the member travel grant go toward? The travel grant is to help defray costs associated with attending Professional Women in Building meetings that are held in conjunction with NAHB’s Spring Leadership Meeting. The goal of this grant is to encourage local council leaders to learn more about NAHB Professional Women in Building and become involved with the Council in a leadership role at the national level.

Who is eligible to receive a member travel grant? All PWB members who have an active membership may apply. However, preference is given to candidates in local PWB leadership roles such as Local Council President or Local Council President-Elect who are exploring leadership roles at the national level of PWB. At-large PWB members are also encouraged to apply.

If awarded, are there meetings or events that are mandatory to attend? Yes. If travel grant is received, members are required to attend and participate in the following NAHB PWB meetings and activities held in conjunction with the NAHB Spring Leadership Meetings:
  - Leadership Orientation
  - NAHB PWB Board of Trustees meeting
  - At least two NAHB PWB Subcommittee Meetings
  - NAHB Legislative Conference Day
  - NAHB PWB Legislative Luncheon
  - BizMix reception

When would I receive my award if I were to win? Travel grant recipients will award during the NAHB PWB Board of Trustees meeting held during the NAHB Spring Leadership Meetings.

Is there a fee to apply for an education grant? There is no fee to apply for a member travel grant.
NAHB PWB Spike Membership Competition Awards

What is the NAHB PWB Spike Program? The NAHB PWB spike awards encourage membership growth by promoting recognition of top PWB member recruiters.

How do I enter the NAHB PWB Spike competition? PWB members do not have to apply for Spike awards. Entry is automatic and based on how many new members are sponsored/recruited by an active PWB member. The number of member’s recruits translate to Spike credits.

How do I become eligible to be a NAHB PWB Spike? A PWB member must recruit a minimum of six new PWB members (six NAHB PWB Spike points accumulated within a two-year period) to be eligible for NAHB PWB Spike status.

What do I receive if I am the recipient of a PWB Spike award? PWB members who reach designated membership recruitment achievement levels may receive PWB Spike designation pins, and/or monetary awards that may be used for scholarships to students in college or trade schools, continuing education in industry-related programs, HBA/BIA/PWB foundations and scholarship funds, and for approved local PWB council programs.

Judging

How are winners selected? A panel of well-respected NAHB staff members select the PWB local council project award winners. Individual leadership awards and grants applications are judged by a panel comprised of past and current NAHB PWB council chairs, PWB Area Trustees Chair, previous individual leadership award recipients, selected NAHB PWB Board members or committee chairs, and one or more HBA executive officers.