



NC Home Builders Educational & Charitable Foundation, Inc. (NCHBECF)

The educational foundation awards scholarships each year based on a combination of need and merit to students of NCHBA family members who are four-year college students entering their junior or senior year and technical school students entering their second year. Students must have declared their major in a construction-related field. This opportunity to provide financial assistance to not only our future members, but also the future *leaders* of the industry, is appreciated by our Association.

In addition, the charitable part of the foundation assists whenever a disaster strikes our nation, such as in the case of Hurricane Floyd in North Carolina and Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana.

Insurance



If you're in construction, the insurance choice is simple. Builders Mutual has insured builders — and only builders — since their inception in 1984. It's their specialty; it's ALL they do. For general contractors and trade contractors — both residential and commercial — Builders Mutual has you covered.

Builders Mutual grew from the North Carolina Home Builders Association and has been in business for nearly 30 years. They understand the challenges contractors face. Nobody knows the builder like Builders Mutual, because no other insurance carrier is devoted exclusively to the construction industry. For more information or to find an agent near you, go to www.buildersmutual.com.

Career and Technical Education

New professional skilled tradesmen are the life and blood of our industry. Through NCHBA programs, members encourage North Carolina's youth to consider careers in the construction trades. We also assist community colleges, technical institutes and other training facilities in structuring and promoting related programs.

Keeping Members in the Know

Stay up-to-date on the building industry and NCHBA with *North Carolina Builder Magazine*. Builder and Associate members receive this publication free of charge. All members receive NCHBA's weekly *Monday Briefing* e-newsletter with the latest industry and association news, as well as special legislative updates when the NC General Assembly is in session. Members can access a member's only resource dashboard on www.nchba.org. NAHB also produces multiple informative e-newsletters, such as the NAHBNow Blog, all of which are available to members by request. Stay ahead of the game and ahead of your competition with these members-only news resources.

Saving Members Money

Save money on computers, office supplies, building supplies, hotel stays, GM vehicles, and more! Simply take advantage of NAHB's Member Advantage program (nahb.org/ma). Plus, builder members who are loyal to leading manufacturers can potentially get cash back through NCHBA's Member Rebate Program. Builders and remodelers are eligible to participate, and it's FREE to sign up! Visit www.hbarebates.com/nchba.html for more information.



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Mission Statement: NCHBA, the voice of the North Carolina home building industry, is an association of building professionals and related industries working together to provide safe and affordable housing for the people of North Carolina. We protect the American Dream of home ownership through advocacy, education and professional business development.



Three memberships for the price of one: A Package Deal

If you are involved in any segment of the home building industry, membership in the North Carolina Home Builders Association (NCHBA) is for you! To become a member, you must first join the local home builders association (HBA) serving your area. Once you join your local association, you automatically become a member of all 3 levels of the NAHB federation: local, state and national. That's three memberships for the price of one.

Why should I join?

The North Carolina Home Builders Association is a dynamic group of builder and associate member firms across the state that pools information, resources and efforts to provide the collective strength and influence the home building industry needs . . . to protect and strengthen the industry, to benefit the economic well being of our members and to protect consumers. By joining together, exchanging ideas and mobilizing efforts, NCHBA contributes to the individual economic success of each member and accomplishes what no business can do alone.

NCHBA plays a vital role in maintaining high standards of conduct, quality and ethics within the industry. The membership of NCHBA helps solidify collective opinions in order to effect change in Congress, the NC General Assembly, courts and regulatory agencies.

If you make a living from the home building industry, the representation and benefit that you receive from your local, state and national home builders associations is vital to your interests and survival in the building industry.

Benefits of NCHBA Membership

Professionalism

NCHBA plays a vital role in maintaining high standards of conduct, quality and ethics within the industry. Joining the association sets you apart from the competition and gives you a voice in defining the image of the industry.

Legislative Advocacy and Regulatory Affairs

NCHBA and NAHB are your voice in Raleigh and on Capitol Hill, providing vigorous legislative and regulatory representation on behalf of the home building industry. NCHBA closely monitors legislation and activities at the NC General Assembly that affect the building industry, strongly opposing any proposal that adversely affects the industry and advancing legislation that benefits our members.

Additionally, a host of regulatory boards and agencies, such as the Building Code Council, the Environmental Management Commission, the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Insurance and Department of Labor, constantly make decisions and issue regulations affecting the building industry. NCHBA actively monitors these boards and agencies and testifies on behalf of the home building industry in order to maintain a healthy business climate and protect workforce housing. A Director of Codes and Construction is available on staff to answer any questions you may have regarding building codes and building-related issues.



NC BUILD-PAC is NCHBA's non-partisan political action committee that supports elected officials and candidates who stand behind the building industry. The NC BUILD-PAC trustees make sure those dollars are wisely spent on such elected officials and candidates.

Education



NCHBA acknowledges the dynamic nature of the building industry and offers a wide variety of educational programs for its members. NCHBA also supports our local schools and associations in their efforts to train future professionals in a construction-related field.

The North Carolina Builder Institute (NCBI), the educational arm of NCHBA, offers members the opportunity to follow a course of study to set them apart in the following areas: Accredited Builder (AB), Accredited Master Builder (AMB), Accredited Remodeler (AR), Accredited Associate (AA), Accredited Master Associate (AMA), and Accredited Residential Superintendent (ARS). Recipients of these designations use them to market and improve their businesses. Designations earned by builder members appear on their general contractors license.

NCBI classes are offered in the Spring in Raleigh and in the Fall in conjunction with the 21st Century Building Expo & Conference in Charlotte, where attendees can also take advantage of a variety of general interest seminars on topics of importance for builders, remodelers, and others associated with the building industry.

21st Century Building Expo and Conference



The 21CBEC, the premier building expo and conference in the Southeast, was created to give HBA members the opportunity to participate in an Expo and educational conference of the same quality as NAHB's International Builder Show, just closer to home. The 21CBEC offers attendees a showcase of new and innovative products for housing and an array of educational seminars for builders, associates, remodelers and sales and marketing professionals on various topics related to the building industry. For more information, visit www.21buildingexpo.com.

STARS Awards



The STARS Awards are a centerpiece of the 21st Century Building Expo and Conference. Each year, the gala salutes the outstanding professional performance of HBA members throughout the region by honoring the achievements of builders, associates and other industry professionals who make major contributions to the residential home building industry. Local home builders associations are also honored for their outstanding achievements. The STARS Awards are a great marketing tool for members and local associations alike. With many different categories to choose from, there is something for everyone!

Events and Networking

Come meet and network with the building industry's movers and shakers at NCHBA's quarterly meetings! Your participation helps to guide the future of the association. There is no fee to attend these meetings. Whether you are interested in building codes, membership, land development, communications, associates, legislative issues or career and technical education, there is a place and committee for you! Committee meetings are designed to educate, inform, inspire and keep you up-to-date on the housing industry. Whether you are a builder, associate or affiliate member, the contacts that you make at the state level will be invaluable to your business.