

2025 Craft Professionals of the Year

ABC Keystone will be accepting nominations for the 2025 Craft Professional Awards in the following trades:

- Carpentry
- HVAC
- Exterior veneers
- Electrical
- Sitework
- Plumbing
- Interiors

Criteria are based on the nominee's mastery of skills, safety performance, job site performance and productivity, leadership, and on-the-job project information.

Submission Deadline: Friday, March 28, 2025 by 4:30 pm

**Each entry must adhere to all entry requirements.*

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**Applications and all supplemental materials must be submitted as one PDF.*

2025 ENTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Entry Requirements:

1. Nominees must be currently employed by an ABC member in good standing.
2. Approximately 90% of the nominees' daily job duties must include either daily use of the tools or equipment.*
3. Nominees must currently possess a journey-level designation and can provide proof of their designation.
4. Award categories will include: carpentry, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, sitework, interiors, exterior veneers.

**Office, corporate, or management personnel not limited to, but including project managers, engineers, sales representatives, estimators and other non-field positions are ineligible for award recognition.*

Entry Rules:

- Self-nominations are prohibited.
- Each nominee must have worked on a project that has been completed by December 31, 2024, and made part of this submission (may submit more than one project – maximum of 3 projects)

Award Criteria:

All Nominations must include the following in the single pdf file electronic entry:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Proof of Journey-level Designation – in lieu of a copy of a Journeyman's card, you may submit a signed letter from your company stating that your nominee is a Journeyman as described by your organization.
3. Nominator provides a General Skill Set Essay – This provides an overall picture of the nominee's general skill set. A 250-word (maximum) essay explaining the nominee's:

- a. **Mastery of Skills – 6 pts.**
 - Displays the ability to perform job at a high level with little to no supervision.
 - Understands complex situations and the ability to solve jobsite problems strategically.
 - Uses technology in the craft to provide a better deliverable for the client.
- b. **Safety Performance – 12 pts.**
 - Supports a value of safety throughout his/her own personal commitment.
 - Encourages safety among peer groups and with the company management team.
 - Trained to deal with medical emergencies onsite.
- c. **Jobsite Performance and Productivity – 19 pts.**
 - Displays a productive work ethic that drives company profitability.
 - Provides innovative solutions that keep the project on time and under budget.
 - Participates and promotes the need for continual skills upgrades for employees to stay current with the construction trends and materials.
 - Strives to provide a quality product for the client.
- 4. **Nominee’s documentation of current craft certificates, licenses, certifications, awards, etc. within the past three (3) years.**
- 5. **Nominee’s skill set as worked on your jobsite(s) – up to three projects max. – 23 pts. (regardless of number of projects highlighted)**

This provides more specific info on the nominee’s skill set from a jobsite. Note: It is not required that the projects featured on the Craft Professional Award application be entered in the ABC Excellence in Construction Awards.

- Include up to one page, ensuring legibility when selecting font design and size.
- Provide a written narrative indicating why the nominee and his/her work is special and why it qualifies for an award. Be sure to include the following items:
 - Describe innovation relating to quality control.
 - Describe innovation relating to scheduling.
 - Describe innovation relating to productivity.
 - Describe innovation relating to problem-solving.
 - Describe any opportunity for the nominee to mentor other field employees.
 - Indicate any special obstacles the nominee overcame in completing the project.
- 6. **Photographs of project(s) submitted with application – 5 photos maximum per project.**
 - High-resolution color photo of the nominee.
 - JPEG file
 - 300 dpi
 - CMYK color mode

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Judging and Selection of Winners

- The application will be judged on all categories and how well the nominee identifies with each category.
- Nominees may be asked to sit for a brief interview with a panel of independent judges.
- Winners will be notified by April 25, 2025, and asked to attend the ABC Apprenticeship Graduation & Craft Professional of the Year Ceremony on May 15, 2025.
- Each winner (nominee only) will be invited to attend the May 2025 event as a guest of ABC Keystone.

2025 ENTRY FORM (Due no later than 3/28/25)

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Company: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Craft: Carpentry Electrical Plumbing HVAC Sitework

COMPANY INFORMATION:

Nominator's or Contact Person's Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Company: _____

Company Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

NOMINEE PROJECT INFORMATION: (Project must have been completed by December 31, 2024)

Project #1

Name: _____

Project Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Owner Contact Name: _____

Owner Phone: _____

Project #2

Name: _____

Project Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Owner Contact Name: _____

Owner Phone: _____

Project #3

Name: _____

Project Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Owner Contact Name: _____

Owner Phone: _____