

**Contest Date:  
March 12th, 2016  
Start Time:  
10:00 a.m.**

**These kids build  
more than  
buildings, they  
build a world of  
imagination.**

# The National Association of Women in Construction Education Foundation (NEF)

## Asks for your support for the 2016 Block Kids Building Contest

Each year, the NAWIC Education Foundation holds a contest designed to promote interest in future careers in the Construction Industry, as well as familiarize children with the construction process in a positive manner. Our goal is to make Elementary School children aware of the Construction Industry by providing them with a chance to use their Imagination, creativity, and knowledge to build something today and possibly something for the future.

The contest is free to all participants and all participants receive prizes. The top four "Builders" receive prizes in the amount of \$50.00.

The contest is being held Saturday, March 12th, 2016 at Metropolitan Community College — South Campus (South 27th Street & Q Street Omaha, NE 68107 ) starting at 10:00 a.m.

Check below for ways you can help us make this year's contest a success! On behalf of the NAWIC Greater Omaha Chapter #116, Thank you for your continued support.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Children @ \$10.00 per child. My total donation will be \$\_\_\_\_\_. (This donation will help us provide T-shirts, educational materials, prizes, and supplies for this years contest.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I would like to donate Prizes for the children's goodie bags. (Anything with your company logo, promotional items, samples of your products, rulers, pencils, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I would like to volunteer to help the day of the event by being a Judge for the contest. Send me more information.

Your Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

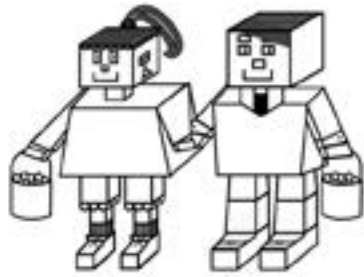
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Send your reply to the NAWIC member below:

Sarah Tufly  
12144 Roberts Road  
La Vista, NE 68128  
STufly@freedomsspecialtycontracting.com

**We can pick up your donations at your business.  
Thanks again!**



## 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:

- 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*





## 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 3,100 members.

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

To fulfill the educational goal of NAWIC, the association created the NAWIC Education Foundation in 1973.

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

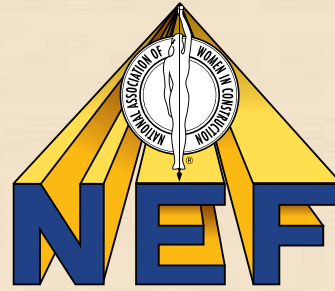
- Building Design
- CAD/Design Drafting Scholarship
- Accessory Structure Project

NEF also offers adult education programs.

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

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 K-12 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 Greater Omaha Chapter #116

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Sarah Tuflly, [STuflly@freedomsspecialtycontracting.com](mailto:STuflly@freedomsspecialtycontracting.com)

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Event Information

Saturday, March 12, 2016

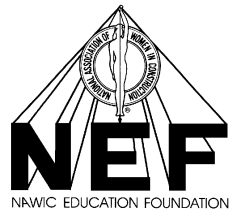
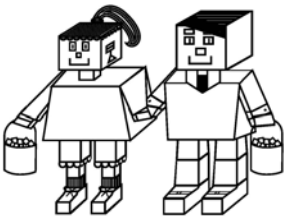
10:00 AM

Metro Community College South Campus 29th & Q St  
Industrial Technology Center, Room 120

(Park in the east parking lot, near the "Industrial  
Technology Center" sign)



**Block Kids**



**NAWIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
BLOCK KIDS BUILDING PROGRAM**

**Official Registration/Entry Form**

Please fill out all information requested. Please print legibly.

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, PROVINCE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, PROVINCE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select one:**

- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- White
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

**SPONSOR**

NAWIC Greater Omaha Chapter #116

(Sponsor/Region)

12144 Roberts Road

(Mailing Address)

La Vista, NE 68128

(City/State/Zip)

*Ashley Meirose*

(Signature Representative)

**RELEASE**

I hereby consent to the use of my child's name, photography, entry, interview in promoting or publishing this program or the NAWIC Education Foundation, now or at a future date. Further, I understand that this entry shall become the sole property of the NAWIC Education Foundation.

Must be received by: March 4th, 2016

T-shirt size: YS\_\_ YM\_\_ YL\_\_

S\_\_ M\_\_ L\_\_ XL\_\_

None\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BLOCK KIDS

***What is Block Kids?*** The Block-Kids Building Program is a national building program competition that is sponsored on the local level by NAWIC chapters and other organizations. The award-winning program introduces children to the construction industry in an effort to create an awareness of and to promote an interest in future careers in one of the many facets of the industry. The competition involves the construction of various structures with interlocking blocks. Local winners have their projects submitted to Regional Competition and one semi-finalist's project from each region is entered in the National Program competition. National prizes are awarded to the top three projects.

***When and Where is this year's competition?*** This year's Block Kids event will be held at Metro Community College's Industrial Technology Center, Room 120 on Saturday, March 12th at 10:00 AM. This is at their South Omaha Campus off of 29<sup>th</sup> & Q, park at the east end of the parking lot, near the "Industrial Technology Center" sign.

***Who can participate?*** The program is open to all elementary school boys and girls in grades 1-6. Younger siblings will have to wait until they are in first grade to participate.

***Do we need to bring our own legos?*** No, NAWIC supplies all the legos and any other accessories that are needed for the contest. No one is allowed to bring his or her own legos to the contest.

***Do we build the project at home and bring it to the contest?*** No, the contest is held so that children can all build together at the same time for one hour maximum. Some children finish quickly and others take the full hour to build.

***Are specialty pieces provided, such as doors/windows?*** No, specialty pieces are not allowed and therefore not provided. Kids can use three of the following additional items: A small rock, string, foil and poster board. These items will be provided upon request.

***How much does it cost?*** IT IS FREE.....totally free for the children. We sponsor the contest to introduce the world of construction to children in hopes that when they choose a career, they may want to become an engineer, contractor, electrician, welder, estimator, etc.

***Can parents stay to watch?*** Yes, we encourage you to stay and watch your children participate. Parents are not allowed to help at all and must stay away from the construction zone during the hour of building. We provide chairs around the construction zone for your convenience. After the winners are announced, parents and others can walk around and see all the projects and take pictures.

***How do you get on the mailing list?*** Everyone that participates in the contest is invited first for the following year. We encourage everyone to bring a friend too. Hopefully by

word of mouth, the contest becomes well know. You can also e-mail us to be added to the list for next year.

***How many legos can be used?*** A maximum of 100 legos but no less than 25 legos must be used in the project.

***What if the bag doesn't have the right size or color?*** There is a supply house set up at the contest where children can exchange their legos for the same number of legos. We staff the supply house with several volunteers to help them pick out the right piece.

***How are the projects judged?*** We ask volunteers from the community to donate their time to come and judge the projects. Some do it every year and we recruit new judges each year too. They have two forms that must be used and then all judges decide on the winners collectively.

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 Public Safety: 402-457-2222

## South Omaha Campus (SOC) Map








Orientation Map



No Scale

Last Updated  
11/11/2011

### Legend

-  MCC Building
-  Non-MCC Building
-  One - Way Road
-  Metro Bus Stop
-  Bike Rack

### SOC Addresses

- SOC-Mahoney  
2909 Edward Babe Gomez Ave.  
Omaha, NE 68107
- SOC-Connector Building  
2801 Edward Babe Gomez Ave.  
Omaha, NE 68107
- SOC-ITC  
2709 Edward Babe Gomez Ave.  
Omaha, NE 68107

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