

Call for Applications for the American Institute of Constructors Education Foundation Dr. Dennis C. Bausman National Construction Education Program Certification Award

The Dr. Dennis C. Bausman National Construction Education Program Award was created by the American Institute of Constructors (AIC) Education Foundation (EF) as the result of the establishment of an endowment in memory of Dr. Bausman to recognize and reward those university construction accredited education programs that serve as AIC Constructor Certification test sites and who prepare their students to take the Certified Associate Constructor (CAC) examination along with performing other initiatives that promote constructor ethics and certification including participating in the AIC National Ethics Competition. The award consists of a custom-designed plaque and a monetary stipend of \$4,000. The funds must be used to enhance the education of the award recipient students on the value of construction ethics and professional certification.

Eligibility

1. Be an accredited baccalaureate construction education program and,
2. Serve as an AIC Constructor Certification Commission approved CAC examination administration test site and administer the examination at least once a year and,
3. Require and/or encourage and effectively prepare students to take the CAC examination and,
4. Demonstrate what the program does to motivate those students who pass the CAC exam to become certified and,
5. Describe what other initiatives during the past year the program has done and/or is currently doing to promote construction ethics and certification involving their students such as participating in the AIC Ethics Competition.
6. Eligible construction education programs can only receive the award once in any five year period.

Application Process

1. Eligible construction education programs will submit a formal letter on College or University letterhead limited to four typed pages. The letter must contain at the minimum the following information:
 - A. Description of how the program meets the following award eligibility criteria.

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B. Description of how the funds will be used to enhance the education of the program's students on the value of construction ethics and professional certification. Examples include conducting CAC examination preparation courses or sessions, participating in the AIC Ethics Competition, supporting guest speakers making presentations on construction ethics and or certification, conducting joint industry advisory committee – student ethics/certification activities and similar ones.

C. A statement agreeing to submit a written report within one year of the receipt of the award describing the results of how the program expended the award funds.

2. The letter must be signed by the education program head and submitted to the AIC Education Foundation by March 1, 2026 to Dr. Roger Liska (rigger@clemsun.edu) with cc: to Andy Wasiniak (awasiniak@walbridge.com).

Selection and Award Process

1. The selection of the award recipient will be done by the AIC Education Foundation Trustees.
2. The designated Foundation representative will receive and review all applications to ascertain whether they are complete in that they answer to all of the award criteria.
3. All Trustees will receive all complete applications and asked to vote for their choice of award recipient that most effectively meet the award criteria.

4. The education program that receives the most votes will be the successful recipient. In the case of a tie, the Trustees will meet to determine the successful recipient.
5. The award will be presented to a representative of the education program at a called meeting of the AIC Education Foundation.