



## Local and State Home Builders Associations – Student Chapters

### **Benefits to HBA's:**

- Promoting careers in residential construction  
Desired Outcome: Graduates of Two-Year and Four-Year programs continue as NAHB members.
- Enhancing education and career development for future generations of leaders in residential construction and trades  
Desired Outcome: A younger generation about to enter the workforce more prepared for success and plugged into NAHB at the local, state and national levels for resources, education, webinars, etc.
- Addressing the labor shortage by promoting careers in construction trades  
Desired Outcome: NAHB members hiring student chapter graduates (electricians, plumbers, carpenters, etc.)

### **History:**

NAHB's Student Chapters enrich the educational experience of students by offering first-hand exposure to the home building industry and lay the foundation for successful careers. NAHB Student Chapters began in 1971 and were administered by the Home Builders Institute (HBI) for a period spanning more than thirty years. The program was brought back in-house in early 2014 and is now being fully managed by NAHB. The goals are to bridge a stronger connection between the Student Chapters and HBAs, expand the Student Chapter program nationally and facilitate it fully into NAHB's operations.

### **Mission Statement:**

The NAHB Student Chapters program is dedicated to enriching the educational experience of students by offering them first-hand exposure to the real world of the building industry through NAHB membership, educational programming, and networking opportunities.

### **Vision Statement:**

To be recognized and respected as a leading pre-professional membership organization for the building industry for students at high schools, two-year colleges, and four-year colleges/universities.

### **Benefits of Student Chapter Membership:**

The top students in any academic discipline join pre-professional organizations such as NAHB Student Chapters. Each student member receives many of the same benefits that our regular builder members receive. Specifically, student member benefits include:

- A chance to win national-level competitions and awards programs
- Opportunity to qualify for scholarships from the National Housing Endowment
- \$30 registration fee to the International Builders' Show (fee for non-member students: \$50)
- Opportunity to qualify for National Housing Endowment Travel Scholarship to the International Builders' Show
- Member discounts at BuilderBooks.com and NAHB Education
- Access to members-only content on nahb.org
- Access to the NAHB staff professionals, merchandise, and other services
- Networking opportunities with local and national NAHB members
- Local student chapter events like field trips and guest speakers
- Membership provides an opportunity for students to work with experienced builders and gain first-hand knowledge of the home building industry in preparation for their career.

### **HBA Involvement Activities/Student Chapters:**

- Visit construction sites of NAHB member companies
- Attend local HBA meetings
- Support your local HBA home show and other similar activities
- Organize weekly/biweekly/monthly chapter meetings
- Mentor young people
- Participate in (or sponsor) campus restoration projects
- Build a playhouse for a local community center or auction it for a fundraiser
- Participate in Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together projects
- Attend state home builders' association convention
- Visit manufacturers' plants, materials distributors, product testing labs
- Invite guest speakers from the industry (building, manufacturing, banking, real estate, architecture, etc.) to a chapter meeting
- Sponsor campus-wide seminar on social issues related to housing
- Organize career fairs
- Sponsor seminars on construction safety issues
- Sponsor seminars on government (local, state and federal) regulations and codes

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