

Careers in Construction Essay Contest

October is the national observance of Careers in Construction month. NCCER's Build Your Future Campaign has created an essay activity to use in schools to promote construction careers. This competition is geared towards middle/junior high school students, but high schools, community colleges and industry can get involved as judges.

Essay topics:

1. Describe your future plans.
2. What is your dream? Describe it. How are you going to achieve your plans?
3. Given that there is a shortage of construction workers (i.e. carpenters, electricians, welders, pipefitters, etc.) as a student in the Jenkins County School System, do you think you would be interested in a career in construction? Explain Why? or Why not?
4. What does construction do for America?
5. Explain how you would handle an emergency situation involving one of the following: fire, weather, a medical emergency of a family member.

Rules:

- Handwritten or typed
- 1-2 pages in length
- Entries are due by October 25, 2016 (subject to change)
- Enrolled in middle school or junior high school

English or Career Exploration teachers will select 3 entries from each grade level to be judged. Involve other teachers from the local high schools that teach NCCER or construction-related subjects to be the judges for the competition. To broaden participation for all students, BYF suggests that the entries from each grade reflect 1 from a typical "A" student, 1 from a typical "B" student, 1 from a typical "C" student. This is so students who work hard and give maximum effort are included in the judging.

*Suggestion: Get local newspapers, contractors or high school media classes involved to spread the message amongst the community. Check out our "Media Tips" sheet for more information.