



2018 Young Professional Essay Contest Application

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ACI Committee S-806: Young Professional Activities

Application Instructions — *Please Read Carefully*

This application form consists of four parts:

1. Applicant instructions
2. Applicant information (to be filled out by applicant)
3. Essay topics and guidelines
4. Reference form

Part 1: Applicant Instructions

Due Date

All application materials must be received by ACI Staff by midnight on January 31, 2018. No late submittals will be accepted. Applications can be e-mailed to Kanette Worlds - Student, Faculty, & Young Professional Activities Coordinator at Kanette.Worlds@concrete.org. For inquiries, you may reach Kanette at +1.248.848.3813.

Applicant Eligibility

The contest is only open to those who have been in a concrete or construction related industry for less than 8 years. Years spent as a full-time undergraduate student studying a concrete or construction related field do not count toward that number. Any years spent studying as a **graduate student** will count towards the 8-year requirement.

The winner of the contest will receive a cash prize, meant to support travel to attend The ACI Concrete Convention and Exposition – Fall 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, as well as a waiver of the convention fees (\$633 value). Additionally, the winner will be announced in *Concrete International*,



and their essay will be published online at www.concrete.org. The winner will also be presented with an award plaque at the Fall 2018 convention.

Selection Criteria and Award Notification

Final selection of the essay contest winner will be decided by a distinguished panel of concrete professionals. The award will be based on the quality of the essay, adherence to the essay topic, and the reference provided for the applicant. The winner will be notified by June 1, 2018.

Application Requirements

The following materials must be submitted before midnight on January 31, 2018.

1. Completed application form
2. Applicant's essay
3. 1-page resume
4. Reference letter (submitted electronically by Reference, or mailed)
5. Short applicant biography (not longer than 150 words)



Part 2: Applicant Information

(Submit this form, filled out, with the essay)

Applicant Name:

Years in the concrete/construction industry (not including years as a full time student):

Applicant Address:

Applicant Phone Number:

Name of Reference:

Relation to Reference:

Resume

Applicants shall attach a 1-page resume to this form that outlines education and experience history.

Part 3: Essay Topic and Guidelines

The topic for the 2018 Young Professional Essay Contest is:

"How has ACI assisted/contributed to your typical workday or work week?"

Essay Guidelines

The essay shall be no longer than 2 pages in length, typed at a 12-point font, with 1 in. margins, on 8.5 in. x 11 in. paper. Any references shall be cited correctly, and the reference list shall be part of the 2 pages of the document.



Part 4: Reference Form

This form shall be filled out by the applicant's reference. References can be submitted via mail or electronically. Mailed references should be placed in an envelope and signed across the seal by the reference writer; otherwise the reference writer can e-mail the reference directly to the staff liaison.

Submit References to: Kanette Worlds
Student, Faculty, & Young Professional Activities Coordinator
Kanette.Worlds@concrete.org
Inquiries: +1.248.848.3813

Applicant Name:

Reference Name:

Reference Employer and Position:

Relationship to Applicant:

Number of Years the Reference Has Known the Applicant:

Please discuss the applicant's passion, commitment, and promise to the concrete community (may use a separate sheet, 300 words or less):

Please add any other comments you feel to be pertinent to the evaluation of this applicant (may use a separate sheet, 300 words or less):

Signature:

Date: