



2016 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 31st, 2016. No late submittals will be accepted.

Applications can be mailed to:

Kathy Rockwell – Young Professionals Essay Contest
American Concrete Institute
38800 Country Club Dr.

Committee S-806: Young Professional Activities

Farmington Hills, MI, USA
48331-3439

Or applications can be e-mailed to Kathy.Rockwell@concrete.org

Applicant Eligibility

All applicants must have been in a concrete or construction related industry for less than 8 years. Years spent as a full-time student studying a construction related field do not count towards these 8 years. Current students or faculty members are not eligible for this contest.

Award

The winner of the contest will receive a cash prize, meant to support travel to attend The Concrete Convention and Exposition – Fall 2016 in Philadelphia, PA as well as a waiver of the convention fees (\$400 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 Concrete Convention and Exposition – Fall 2016 in Philadelphia, PA.

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 1st, 2016.

Application Requirements

The following materials must be submitted before midnight on January 31st, 2016.

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 (No longer than 150 words)



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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.



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Part 3: Essay Topic and Guidelines

The topic for the 2016 Young Professional Essay Contest is:

How have you been engaged with ACI and how has it given you an edge in the workplace?

Essay Guidelines

The essay shall be no longer than 2 pages in length, typed at a 12point 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.



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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: Kathy Rockwell – Young Professionals Essay Contest
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Or: Kathy.Rockwell@concrete.org

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):



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Signature: _____ Date: _____



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