



# PHCC Educational Foundation

Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors–National Association

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## Frequently Asked Questions 2019 HVAC & Plumbing Apprentices Contests

**Q: Where are the competitions?**

A: The competitions will be held at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, across the street from the hotel PHCC is using for CONNECT 2019 (Westin Indianapolis).

**Q: When do apprentices need to arrive and how long will they be away?**

A: All apprentices need to be on site for orientation that starts on Tuesday, October 1 at 4:30 PM. Winners will be announced at the Awards Luncheon on Friday, October 4. Contestants may leave at any time after that luncheon ends. Departure flights on Friday should not be earlier than 3:30 PM.

**Q: How do we register an apprentice for a competition?**

A: The apprentices at the national competition are typically winners of state level events. To ensure that these state and local winners have a spot to compete, all contestants must be endorsed/certified by a PHCC Local/State Chapter or the United Association to be able to register.

Sending in a registration form and payment does not guarantee a spot in the competition. All registrations must be verified by Foundation staff before they are considered confirmed.

**Q: How much does it cost for an apprentice to register for a competition?**

A: Early bird registration is \$275 until June 1<sup>st</sup>. After that, the registration fee is \$300. However, thanks to our generous sponsors, verified contestants will receive substantial assistance in covering travel costs to get to the event, plus prizes and other rewards.

**Q: What tools will apprentices need to bring?**

A: A draft list of required tools can be found on the Foundation contests web page. A final list will be distributed to contestants in advance of the event. It will be the responsibility of the contestants to get their tools to Indianapolis. Be mindful of restrictions on lithium ion batteries in airline travel bags for tools.

**Q: What flight arrangements do contestants need to make?**

A: Contestants should fly into Indianapolis International Airport. Please work with your employer and/or state PHCC association to coordinate flights for arrival in plenty of time for orientation on Tuesday evening and departure on Friday at 4:00 PM or later.

**AFTER BEING CONFIRMED AS A CONTESTANT, MAKE FLIGHT RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! DO NOT DELAY!**

**Q: What hotel will we be using?**

A: The Westin Indianapolis  
241 W Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204  
(317) 262-8100

**Q: What hotel arrangements need to be made?**

A: None, unless the apprentice is arriving early or leaving late. Hotel reservations will be made by the PHCC Educational Foundation for all apprentices. The standard reservation will be for arrival on Tuesday, October 1st through Thursday, October 4 check-out.

Room charges and tax will be automatically applied to PHCC's master bill. However, all apprentices must present a credit card at check-in to cover any incidentals charged to their room. Any apprentice wishing to extend the room reservation beyond these dates may do so, provided it is at the apprentice's own expense. Contact Maureen Vasquez ([vasquez@naphcc.org](mailto:vasquez@naphcc.org)) to make any changes to the arrival/departure dates for reservations.

**Q: How do the travel sponsorships work?**

A: Each contestant is assigned a corporate sponsor. Like car racing sponsorships, each contestant will be representing one of the sponsors for the event.

These corporate sponsorships allow us to provide a flat-rate reimbursement for travel expenses payable either to the apprentice's employer or state association, depending on which entity is covering his/her expenses.

The flat-rate reimbursement for 2019 of \$750 was calculated based on average airfares, ground transportation, meals not covered during the event, and baggage/shipping rates for baggage and tools. Contestants are assigned a sponsor by the PHCC Educational Foundation in August.

**Q: Does the sponsorship cover guests?**

A: No. Sponsorships include contestant expenses only.

**Q: Who is eligible for the complimentary guest registration?**

A: One guest accompanying an apprentice will receive a complimentary registration for the PHCC events in Indianapolis. The guest may be any non-contractor individual. It is intended to be registration for an apprentice's spouse/significant other. Guest airfare/travel costs and any additional hotel costs are the responsibility of the guest.

**Additional information and orientation information will be distributed to all confirmed contestants in advance of the contests.**