



Frequently Asked Questions 2020 HVAC & Plumbing Apprentices Contests

Q: Where are the competitions?

A: The competitions will be held in conjunction with PHCC's CONNECT 2020. This year's convention will be held at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel, in downtown Dallas, Texas.

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, September 29, 2020, at 4:30 PM. Winners will be announced at the Awards Luncheon on Friday, October 2. Contestants may leave after the luncheon ends. It is recommended that departure flights on Friday should be no 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.

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

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

A: Early bird registration is \$295 until June 1st. After that, the registration fee is \$325. However, thanks to our generous sponsors, verified contestants will receive some assistance in covering travel and hotel costs, 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 Dallas. Please 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 may fly into Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport or Dallas Love Field 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 3:30 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: Sheraton Dallas Hotel
400 N Olive St, Dallas, TX 75201
(214) 922-8000

Q: What hotel arrangements need to be made?

A: PHCC will secure a room block at the hotel; but **it is the responsibility of the apprentice and/or his/her sponsor to secure room reservations for the event.** Your hotel reservations should guarantee a Tuesday, September 29th arrival, through Friday, October 2nd check-out. Reservations may be made here: [Reservations - Sheraton Dallas](#)

Please note: All apprentices must present a credit card at check-in and will be billed for the hotel stay. After completion of the contest, and submission of all required paperwork, you may be reimbursed for three nights' hotel stay. *

Q: How do the travel sponsorships work?

A: Each contestant is assigned a corporate sponsor. The contestant will represent that sponsor throughout the event. Contestants will be assigned a sponsor by the PHCC Educational Foundation in August.

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 2020 flat-rate reimbursement will be \$750. This money may be used for airfare, ground transportation, meals not covered during the event, and shipping fees for baggage and/or tools. In addition to these funds, PHCC Educational Foundation will reimburse the cost of three night's hotel stay. *

Q: Does the sponsorship cover guests?

A: No. Sponsorships include contestant expenses only.

Q: Who is eligible for the complimentary guest registration?

A: Each apprentice will receive a complimentary guest registration for PHCC events in Dallas. 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.

*Before reimbursements can be processed, submission of a W-9 is required by the check recipient. (Whoever paid the original costs-whether the contestant, contestant sponsor, or employer- would need to submit a W-9 in order to be reimbursed.)