

RECOGNIZING INGENUITY AND INNOVATION IN CONSTRUCTION

2019



JAMES J.  
**WILLIS**

CRAFTPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

**NOMINATION FORM**



## About the Award

**T**he James J. Willis Craftperson of the Year Award honors outstanding labor-management cooperation and quality craftsmanship in the construction industry. It is given to building trades members who have a gift for recognizing the vision of a project and can bring that vision — from blueprint to building — to fruition in a professional manner.

Apprentices, journeymen, foremen and general foremen from all crafts are eligible for nomination.

The recognition program was originally created in 1989 as the Craftsman of the Year Award. TAUC changed the name in 2008 to memorialize James J. Willis, Sr. He was a dear friend and supporter of TAUC and an authentic leader within the construction industry for more than five decades.



**James J. Willis, Sr.**

Jim started out as an apprentice ironworker in 1945 at the age of just 16 and eventually rose to the rank of First General Vice President within the international union. He also served as President and Labor Co-Chairman of the National Maintenance Agreements Policy Committee, Inc. (NMAPC) from 1988-2000.

Jim was hugely influential within the union construction industry, and his steadfast commitment to fairness and cooperation was legendary. It is fitting that the award bearing his name honors a union worker who demonstrates unparalleled leadership and professionalism, because Jim exhibited the same qualities throughout his life.

## 2018 Award Recipient

Kyle Cochran is the current TAUC James J. Willis Craftperson of the Year.

Kyle is a member of IBEW Local 26, which represents the Washington DC metro area. He was nominated by Kiewit Power Constructors for his work as General Foreman on the expansion of Dominion Energy's Cove Point Liquid Natural Gas Terminal in Lusby, Maryland.

Kyle made a point of meeting every new hire on the job and took time to understand their individual strengths and explain his approach to safety on site. He also mentored several journeymen along the way.

“I started off right out of high school in the Marine Corps, so it’s similar to a kind of brotherhood in the union,” Kyle said.

“There’s a loyalty to each other and a loyalty to the craftsmanship.”

“The crews have a good relationship with Kyle, due to the fact that he’s got a calm demeanor about him – he’s patient, he listens attentively, and he doesn’t hesitate to give the proper feedback,” added Kurt Carlson, Electrical Superintendent for the Cove Point Project.

“His work ethic is contagious, his safety culture is contagious, and it helps put the right mentality in the whole crew that is working with him,” noted Bob McKinley, Dominion Energy Representative and VP of Cove Point Construction.

Kyle was also awarded a selection of tools from TAUC Legacy Partner DEWALT.



**Kyle Cochran**

# Instructions & Eligibility

## Eligibility

**ONLY apprentices, journeymen, foremen and general foremen who have worked for a current TAUC member contractor are eligible for nomination.**

Nominations for the award are open to all crafts, on all projects completed in 2018, worked under any type of building trades collective bargaining agreement. Nominees should be building trades members who have a gift for recognizing the vision of a project and can bring that vision -- from blueprint to building -- to fruition in a professional manner.

## How to Apply

All current TAUC members may submit nominations for this prestigious award. Winners will receive significant publicity in the association's magazine, *The Construction User*, the association's Web site ([www.tauc.org](http://www.tauc.org)), in-person at the 2019 TAUC Leadership Conference, and other national construction industry media outlets.

Complete the **ENTIRE** nomination form and send via hard copy or electronically to:

Wayne Creasap, Senior Director of Environmental Health and Safety  
TAUC, 1501 Lee Highway Suite 202, Arlington, VA 22209  
Fax: 703.524.3364  
Email: [wcreasap@tauc.org](mailto:wcreasap@tauc.org)

Questions can be directed to Mr. Creasap at 703.887.0455.

## Deadline

**ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019.**

The Award will be presented at the 2019 TAUC Leadership Conference, which will be held April 30 - May 3 at the Windsor Court Hotel in New Orleans. ***Contractors must be paid Leadership Conference registrants for the winning Craftperson to be recognized at the awards ceremony.***

## STEP 1: Craftperson (Nominee) Info

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Craft Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Union No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Status (please check one):

Apprentice

Journeyman

Foreman

General Foreman

*\* Note – Nominee must be an employee subject to a collective bargaining agreement as defined under the National Labor Relations Act.*

**Please attach a high-resolution color photograph of the nominee with the completed nomination form. A “driver’s license”-style photo is preferred (that is, a photo of the nominee facing forward, smiling, from the mid-chest up).**

**STEP 2: Nominee's Local Union Info**

**Local Union Business Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Craft Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Union No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Union Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Union Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

# STEP 3: Contractor (Nominator) Info

*\* Questions related to this application will be directed to the individual listed below.*

**TAUC Member Name (Company):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contractor Primary Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Nominator:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_



## STEP 4: Owner/Client Info

*\* Questions related to this application  
may be directed to the individual listed below.*

**Owner/Client Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner/Client Point of Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner/Client Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner/Client Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_



## STEP 5: Project Info

**Project Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Craft Hours Worked by Your Company on the Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Company Project Completion Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Note - Project completion date must fall within the calendar year of 2018*

**1. Please provide a general description of your Company's scope of work for the project:**

**2. Was the job finished on time and within budget?**

**Yes**

**No**

**If no, please explain:**

**3. Was your Company the general/prime contractor?**

**Yes**

**No**

**4. Was your Company a subcontractor on the job?**

**Yes**

**No**

**5. What was Your Company's Total Days Away from Work Cases on this Project?**

\_\_\_\_\_ *\* Use the sum of column H on the OSHA 300 Log Supplement*

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**6. Did your Company have any serious injuries or Fatalities on this project?**

**Yes**

**No**

**If yes, please explain:**

**7. Did the project receive any special recognition by the owner/client, a government agency, or the local or national media?**

**Yes**

**No**

**If yes, please include copies of the press release, articles, awards, etc.**

**In addition, Please include as many high resolution photos of the project as possible, or email them to [wcreasap@tauc.org](mailto:wcreasap@tauc.org). If possible, send photos that illustrate the achievement(s) for which the employee is being nominated, including photos of the individual employee.**

***\*TAUC reserves the right to retain and use all photos submitted for publicity purposes.***

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## **8. Why is this individual being nominated?**

Please explain why the individual is being nominated for this award. This explanation should touch on the following five criteria listed below:

- I. Schedule & Budget** – e.g. *providing outstanding supervision on a particular project which contributed to completion ahead of schedule and under budget*
- II. Productivity** – e.g. *providing a proposal which was implemented and resulted in a significant increase in productivity on a particular project*
- III. Cost** – e.g. *providing a proposal which was implemented and resulted in a significant cost savings on a particular project*
- IV. Quality** – e.g. *providing outstanding craftsmanship or workmanship on a particular project*
- V. Safety & Health** – e.g. *proposing to address unique safety or health issues which resulted in a significant reduction in accidents and injuries*

**Why is this individual being nominated?**

## STEP 6: Nominator Certification

I certify to the best of my knowledge that all the information contained in this nomination form is accurate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## STEP 7: Submit Nomination

Send the completed nomination and related material via hard copy or electronically to:

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