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JAMES J.  
**WILLIS**

CRAFTPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD  
NOMINATION FORM



2024

RECOGNIZING INGENUITY AND INNOVATION IN CONSTRUCTION

## ABOUT THE AWARD

The James J. Willis Craftperson of the Year Award honors outstanding labor-management cooperation and quality craftsmanship in the union construction and maintenance industries.

It is given to building trades members who have a gift for recognizing the vision of a project and can bring that vision to fruition in a professional manner. Apprentices, journey men, 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 union construction industry for more than five decades. 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.



James J. Willis, Sr.

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Watch the 2023 TAUC James J. Willis Craftperson of the Year video [here](#).



2023 Recipient Scott Swoish at the TAUC Construction Leadership Conference

## 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 2021, 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 podcast, The Construction User 2.0, the association's [website](#), in-person at the 2024 TAUC Leadership Conference, and other national construction industry media outlets.

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

Alex Kopp, EHS Director  
TAUC, 1501 Langston Blvd., Suite 202  
Arlington, VA 22209  
Fax: 703.524.3364  
Email: [akopp@tauc.org](mailto:akopp@tauc.org)

Questions can be directed to Mr. Kopp at (703) 524-3336 x123.

## DEADLINE

**ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024.**

Circumstances permitting, the Award will be presented at the 2024 TAUC Construction Leadership Conference, scheduled for May 14-17 at the Omni Barton Creek Resort in Austin, Texas. *Contractors must be paid Leadership Conference registrants for the winning Craftperson to be recognized at the awards ceremony.*





## CRAFTPERSON NOMINEE INFO

*\* Note – Nominee must be an employee subject to a collective bargaining agreement as defined under the National Labor Relations Act and considered working personnel. Further, full-time management employees such as superintendents may not be considered for nomination.*

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 1: NOMINEE CONTACT INFO

Name of Nominee:	Address:		
Craft Affiliation:			
Local Union No.:	City:		
E-mail:	State:	Zip:	
Home Phone:	Status (please check one):		
Cell Phone:	Apprentice      Journeyman Foreman      General Foreman		

### STEP 2: NOMINEE LOCAL UNION INFO

Local Union Business Manager:	Local Union Address:
Craft Affiliation:	City:
Local Union No.:	State:      Zip:
Local Union Phone Number:	
E-mail:	

### STEP 3: CONTRACTOR (NOMINATOR) INFO

TAUC Member Name (Company):		
Name of Nominator:		
Title of Nominator:		
Nominator Primary Address:	City:	
	State:	Zip:
Phone:	E-mail:	

**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:

Title of Nominator:

Owner/Client  
Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

E-mail:

**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 2023*

**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*

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 [akopp@tauc.org](mailto:akopp@tauc.org), with the subject line: "James J Willis – Craftperson of the Year Award." 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.

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.

## 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

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