

North Iowa Builders Exchange 2025 Annual Report

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2025 Achievements

Membership

2025 Members: 66

 **Growth:**
2 members



NIBE Scholarship Golf Tournament



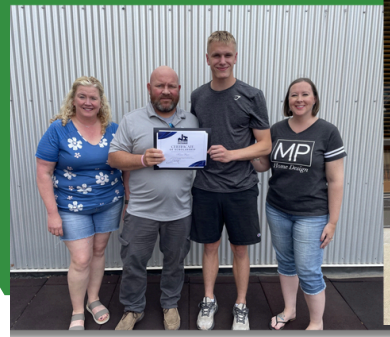
Teams: 7
Sponsors: 6
Funds raised: \$1830

NIBE Scholarship

Awards: 3

Total Scholarship Value: \$1000/Student
High Schools Represented in Scholarship Applications: Algona, Central Springs, Clear Lake, Crestwood, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, Hampton-Dumont-CAL, Forest City, Lake Mills, Mason City, Nashua-Plainfield, St. Ansgar

Kasin Byre, Gaige Younke, and Cooper Wymore received scholarship funding in 2025.



NIACC Design Build

Teams: 13
Students: 52
Funds Donated: \$1200 for Student Shirts
Prizes Donated: 3 Cordless Toolkits

Supporting future workforce is a priority for the Builders Exchange. The NIACC Design Build plays an important role in developing talent and interest in the trades.

Board Leadership

Jason Blickenderfer, President
Steve Blickenderfer
Troy Elwood
Mike Kohler
Melinda McGregor

Don O'Connor
Megan Peterson
Lindsay Schmidt
Casey Waechter
Colleen Frein, Secretary, Administrator



North Iowa Builders Exchange 2026 Priorities & Events



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Membership

The Board of Directors aims to grow the organization's membership from 66 members in 2025 to 100 members in 2026. The Board is planning a targeted campaign to reach out to former members and potential new members.

NIBE Scholarship

This is a crucial way to support future workforce. The Board of Directors will open applications in January for students who are pursuing a career in the trades. Two students will be selected to receive up to \$1000 each in scholarship funding.



2026 NIBE Scholarship
Application

Tech Meets Trade: AI Workshop + Industry Networking February 11

Step into the future of construction! Join this hands-on session exploring practical AI tools that can save time, reduce manual effort, and boost productivity. This session is designed specifically for industry professionals new to AI who are curious about how it can be applied practically and immediately in their day-to-day operations.



Tech Meets Trade
Event Details

North Iowa Home, Garden, and Outdoor Expo February 20-22, 2026

NIBE is once again sponsoring the North Iowa Home, Garden, and Outdoor Expo at the North Iowa Events Center. The 2026 North Iowa Builders Exchange Membership Directory will be available for all attendees to take home at the event!



Home, Garden,
Outdoor Expo
Details

NIBE Scholarship Golf Tournament Summer 2026

This favorite event will return in 2026! Board members are open to suggestions for which course to host the tournament at this year. Feel free to reach out with suggestions, and please consider playing in the tournament or supporting as a sponsor!