

Contact information (both yours AND your nominee's is crucial. We need to contact you.

Award Category: Peggy Cook Apprentice Award

Nominee Workplace: _____

Nominee Position: 2nd term carpenter apprentice

Number of years at this position: 9 months

Please list duties of position.

Anna has worked as an interior finish carpenter for the first eight months of her apprenticeship. She is now working as a concrete carpenter, building forms and setting them.

Please list other positions nominee has held.

Anna has had many careers she has been a preschool teacher, an operations manager for security in Florida and a security officer licensing instructor. Anna was also a Crime stopper specialist in Florida.

Anna said that with 2 dual degrees and all of the volunteer work she has done, she still struggled to make ends meet. Being a union carpenter is the first time in 34 years that she has been able to make a good living wage & have benefits - she is living the dream now!

Please list any Education (high school, college, trade school, special training).

Florida Atlantic University: dual degree in - Criminal justice & Physiology.

She also has a dual degree in Social work & Sociology.

United Brotherhood of Carpenters Apprenticeship

Please list any sports, community service or volunteer positions.

Anna has too many to mention - most of her volunteer work was with the police department in Florida, she did charity projects in Guatemala

She was a Boy Scout leader - taught the medical merit badge

YMCA - Domestic Violence Children's advocate -she is still helping out.

Helping hand award for saving someone's life, she did CPR for a heart attack person - they lived.

Has the nominee overcome hardships, obstacles or challenges? Please list.

Anna is from South Africa and moving from that country to the USA was a struggle, it was quite the culture shock. Her and her parents moved to Alabama then to Florida. Living in a Right to work state was quite an eye opening experience.

She moved to Seattle specifically to join the Carpenters union.

Leaving her family in Florida was very hard, however she sees that being a union member has changed her life, for the better!

What would you say the nominee likes about the position in which they work?

She gets to learn everyday, working with her hands and staying busy at work, she often reflects on some choices she made career wise. Being a carpenter is what she truly enjoys doing!

Tell us why your candidate should receive this award.

It is hard to keep up with all the programs Anna is involved in. She stepped right up to involving herself with the apprentice meet-up at local 30, she is the recording secretary. She attends the monthly Sisters in the Brotherhood meeting. She is active in helping out on the community projects they involve themselves with. She is also a mentor to a couple of apprentices who attend.

Speaking of mentoring, Anna is a mentee in the University of Washington study of 'Safety & Health Empowerment for Women in Trades (SHEWT)'. Anna has a background in protective services, I think she should be a mentor, not so much a mentee.

Anna has jumped right in helping with the Anti-right to work campaign, too. If there ever was an apprentice who put their heart & soul into their career - Anna is that person. She has so much passion for what she does and helping others succeed. She is a positive role model for other women.