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5 Ways to Enhance Your Home's Curb Appeal

Spring is the perfect time to make the outside of your home look like the best on the block. Outdoor upgrades will enhance your house's curb appeal and deliver a more substantial return on investment if you're trying to sell. Some exterior projects may require the help of a professional, but many solutions are reasonably simple and affordable.

First, review your home's appearance as if you're a potential buyer. Then, take note of what you see. What's eye-catching, and which features on your home's exterior can benefit from a simple touch-up? To help get you started, consider these make-over suggestions:

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Grass. Real estate experts say a lush lawn makes all the difference in appealing to neighbors and buyers alike. Fortunately, keeping up with your yard throughout the year can be simpler than you think. Before you mow your lawn, inspect the height of your mower blade and adjust as needed to ensure the grass is at least 3-4 inches tall after mowing. Taller grass will help keep the soil cooler and allow the roots to grow longer to retain moisture better and reach nutrients.

Lighting. Landscape lighting can enhance your safety and make your house dazzling at night. A well-planned setup can transform an ordinary porch into your new favorite hangout spot. Another option is to brighten your walkways with pathway lighting. If you're worried about installing electrical wires, there is a wide range of solar lighting options.

Paint. A fresh coat of paint can enhance your front door, garage door and window trim. However, if your front door has had wear and tear over the years and is beyond repair, it might be time to replace it. A new door is an investment in your home. Purchasing a door with a striking color can create a stunning focal point for your home.

Grime. You might think heavy rainfall is like a shower for your home, but it's probably only making things dirtier. So instead, invest in (or rent) a high-powered pressure washer and give your driveway, front steps, walkways and vinyl siding a once-over. You'll be amazed by how much cleaner they can get.

Extra Greenery. Planters with vibrant spring colors can make a big impression on the any-sized porch. While home owners with covered porches may seek out hanging planter options, those with uncovered porches can explore using planters of all sizes. A creative presentation can make your home memorable if you experiment with your planter's arrangement.

Boosting your home's curb appeal doesn't have to consume your spare time and cash. While some projects are certainly more considerable investments than others, some of the most effective tactics require little more than some good old-fashioned elbow grease.



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Membership Calendar

May 9—TBD

June 2—Golf Tournament

September 12—Floor Coverings International

September 13—General Contractor Cont. Ed Class

October 20,21,22 & 27,28,29 Parade of Homes

October 24—POH Banquet

November 3—Fun Day Shoot Out

November 14—BEMC location Supply

Oyster Roast Successful!

Thank you all that attended our March Membership Oyster Roast. We had close to 110 show up.... We know that this group likes oysters so we will order more next year.

We truly appreciate Garriss Evans for hosting us and cooking the oysters. Tommy and his team did a great job.

We had Girl Scout cookies for dessert and some of you purchased extra. I wish I had bought more.....That is my favorite time of the year...

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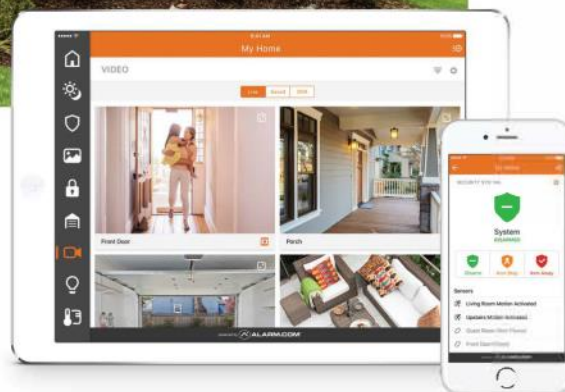
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Scholarship Award

The North Carolina Home Builders Educational & Charitable Foundation, Inc. (NCHBECF) awards scholarships based on a combination of need and merit to four year college students entering their junior or senior year and technical school students entering their second year who have declared their major in a construction related field.

**Deadline to apply for academic year
2023-2024 is April 30, 2023**

Other NCHBA scholarships to consider are listed below. To be eligible, a student must meet the same requirements as outlined in the NCHBECF Scholarship guidelines, unless otherwise noted.

NC Professional Women in Building Scholarship \$500 —

For females pursuing a degree in a construction related field

Caleb's Endowment \$500 — Created in 2014 to be awarded

to students who also meet the NCHBA scholarship guidelines and would qualify as a learning challenged student. (\$500)

Sean Sullivan Tradesperson Scholarship \$500 — For students attending a community college or trade school, who is in his/her second year and majoring in one of the trades supporting the residential construction industry **Student does not need to be of blood relation to NCHBA member, but must still be nominated by a current NCHBA member.*

James Michael Carpenter NCSU Scholarship Award — up to \$10,000

Student must be a rising Jr or Sr at NCSU majoring in a construction related field with a firm intent to enter into the construction industry.

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Rick Judson/NCHBA/National Housing Endowment Residential Construction Scholarship* — For East Carolina University students

pursuing a major in Construction Management, the awarded amount varies. **The application process for this scholarship is through ECU and eligibility is different than the other scholarships listed above. You can find out more information on the ECU website:*

<https://ecu.academicworks.com> or click [here](#).