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General Information

The Apprenticeship Program has been in existence for over 60 years, meeting the needs of the piping industry in Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie and surrounding counties. The program is a joint labor-management effort to train skilled craftsmen for today's construction industry. It involves training in one of the following three areas: Plumbing, Air Conditioning, Pipefitting-Welding.

The Apprentice Training Program is presently 60 months (5 years) in length. It involves attending school two nights a week, three hours per night. During this time, the apprentice will receive on-the-job training, 40 hours per week, as work is available.

You will be responsible for reliable transportation to and from the job site to which you are assigned by the contractor, and also to and from school.

The program is tuition free; however you will be required to pay for your textbooks each year. You are notified before school starts as to what class you will be in, what nights you will attend school and what your textbook cost will be.

All applicants with complete applications will be interviewed. Not everyone who applies is selected. If you are considered but not selected, your application will be kept in our current file for two years and will be reconsidered during the next available selection period. Files are purged after two years.

Requirements

The following are the minimum requirements in order to apply to the program:

- MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD
- MUST HAVE A STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED
- MUST HAVE A VALID FLORIDA DRIVERS' LICENSE
- MUST TAKE AND PASS THE MATH EVALUATION WITH A MINIMUM SCORE OF 75%
- PIPEFITTER/WELDER APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE A VISUAL ACUITY EXAM
- HVAC APPLICANTS MUST SUPPLY PROOF OF A CLEAN DRIVING RECORD

Application Process

Step 1: Math Evaluation

Prior to the application and interview, all applicants must pass a math evaluation with a minimum score of 75% to proceed to the practical evaluation and interview. Applicants are permitted to take the math evaluation up to twice in a one year period. Math evaluations will be scheduled monthly.

Topics covered on the math evaluation are:

- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of whole numbers, decimals and fractions
- Calculation of measurements

All applicants are encouraged to study prior to taking the evaluation. The following is a math tutoring website that offers free instruction on all math processes: www.khanacademy.org

**To register for the next available math evaluation, please visit our website at:
WWW.PIPEU.COM**

Step 2: Application

You will be given an application for the program upon receiving a passing score on the math evaluation. When submitting the application, the following documentation must also be provided:

- BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
- OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADE TRANSCRIPT or GED TEST SCORES
- VALID FLORIDA DRIVERS LICENSE
- DD214 – MILITARY SEPARATION (if applicable)
- COMPLETED WELDER VISUAL ACUITY FORM (for pipefitter/welder applicants only)
- PROOF OF CLEAN DRIVING RECORD (for HVAC applicants only)

In addition to the items listed above, you may also submit reference letters. In order to receive credit for references, you must have a minimum of three letters from Local Union 630 members.

Any other certifications, training, or experience, especially those pertinent to the trade being applied for, may also be provided for consideration.

Step 3: Interview & Hands-On Evaluation

Only applicants who have returned a complete application package will be contacted for interview. A 'complete' application consists of the application itself plus all required documentation listed above. There will be a hands-on evaluation directly following the interview. This evaluation is utilized by the interviewers to help gauge how mechanically inclined the applicant might be.

Step 4: Selection

Applicants will be ranked from the results of the interview. Selection for apprenticeship openings will be made in descending order of the ranking attained.

