

Application for Apprenticeship Program Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union 131

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Complete the remaining form, sign in two (2) places and return

APPRENTICE TRAINING OVERVIEW

APPRENTICESHIP is both an ancient tradition and a highly effective modern training method, particularly for those choosing to work in the exciting and increasingly technical construction industry.

The **UNITED ASSOCIATION** has the first nationally registered joint apprenticeship program in the United States, dating back to 1936.

Individuals who enter a **UNITED ASSOCIATION** Five-Year **APPRENTICESHIP** program are part of a select group of men and women motivated to learn a complex and challenging trade while upholding the ideals of trade unionism. Applicants are evaluated on the same fair basis, without regard to race, sex, national origin or religious affiliation.

UA APPRENTICES learn through both classroom and on-the-job training in what is considered by many to be the best construction industry apprentice program in the world. The five-year apprenticeship period is divided into one-year segments, each of which includes a minimum 2000 hours of on-the-job training and a minimum of 235 hours of related classroom instruction.

UA APPRENTICES receive a strong general education background in the trade, with core courses in basics such as safety, math, science and drawing. At a certain point, apprentices can choose a specific path to follow to become a journeyman plumber, pipefitter or service mechanic.

All training programs are run through **UNITED ASSOCIATION** local joint training committees in specific cities or regions, and are overseen by National Joint Training Committees. One of the things that make the **UA** training program so successful is that it is a joint partnership between labor and management.

THE LOCAL 131 apprenticeship program is **ACCREDITED**; all apprentices that successfully complete the five-year program receive college credits for their on-the-job and classroom training. **LOCAL 131 MEMBERS** are eligible to continue their education by utilizing on-line training at reduced per-credit rates through Washtenaw Community College, Ferris State University & The National Labor College.

APPRENTICESHIP is not an easy time. **UA APPRENTICES** must work the same hours as journeymen in the field plus attend night classes. Yet, this can be a **HIGHLY REWARDING CAREER PATH** for an individual who is motivated to learn the piping trade and become an active member of a **PROUD AND NOBLE TRADE UNION**.

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Wages and Benefits

** APPRENTICES **

Wage Rates	
First 6 months of apprenticeship (NO BENEFITS)	44% of Journeyman rate
Second 6 months	45% of Journeyman rate
Second Year	50% of Journeyman rate
Third Year	60% of Journeyman rate
Fourth Year	70% of Journeyman rate
Fifth Year	80% of Journeyman rate

Benefits (Paid by Employer)
Health & Welfare Insurance
United Association Pension Fund
Local 131 Annuity Plan
Education Fund

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Application Packet **MUST include** the following documentation:

- **Valid driver's license**
- **Birth certificate (*must be 18 years of age*)**
- **Social Security card**
- **High School diploma or Certificate of equivalence test**
- **High School transcript or equivalency test grades**
- **OSHA-10 Construction Card (*if available*)**
- **Military discharge papers form DD-214 (*if applicable*)**

You may also include any of the following (optional):

- Resume
- Trade school Certificates relating to the plumbing/pipefitting trade
- Letters of recommendation

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Please Print CLEARLY

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MI _____

ADDRESS _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PHONE(S) Home: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

E-MAIL(S) 1) _____

2) _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____

GENDER:

☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:

☐ YES ☐ NO

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE:

☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ GED

Name / Address of HS

VETERAN: YES ☐ NO ☐

IF YES:

Branch _____

Length of Service _____

Discharge Date _____

Type Discharge _____

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BACKGROUND

EDUCATION:

School	Location	Course of Study	Completed (yes or no)

WORK HISTORY

Employer	Location	Type of Work	Dates		Reason for Leaving
			From	To	

Are you a United States citizen? Yes ____ No ____

If no, are you a permanent resident of the United States or otherwise authorized to work by the United States Immigration and Naturalizations Service? Yes ____ No ____

Your background and work history will be discussed with you during your interview. Please answer all questions prior to the interview.

Have you ever been:

Yes ____ No ____ Placed on probation or terminated for poor job performance?

Yes ____ No ____ Disciplined or discharged for violating a safety rule?

Yes ____ No ____ Disciplined or fired for insubordination?

Yes ____ No ____ Disciplined or fired for fighting, assault, or similar offenses?

Yes ____ No ____ Disciplined or terminated for absenteeism, tardiness, failure to notify your company when absent or any other attendance related reason?

Yes ____ No ____ Disciplined or discharged for being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or for possession, use or abuse of alcohol, drugs or firearms?

(An Applicant with a sealed record of entries on file with the Commissioner of Probation may answer "no record" to an inquiry about prior convictions of a crime. In addition, any applicant for employment may answer "no record" to an inquiry relative to all cases of delinquency off as a "child in need of services" for which no criminal prosecution resulted.)

I certify that all of the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of the above application will be sufficient cause for disqualification.

Name _____
(please print)

Signature _____

Date _____

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**If you are accepted for entrance into the Apprenticeship Program,
you will be required to:**

1. Serve a probationary period of 1 year
2. Serve a 5-year apprenticeship including the probationary period
3. Report for work on a regular basis
4. Work under the direction of a Journeyworker on the job site and perform job duties satisfactorily
5. Attend related training classes regularly and maintain an acceptable average in those classes
6. Provide your own transportation to and from the job site and the training center
7. Purchase text material as required for use in related training classes
8. Abide by all rules and regulations of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee

I certify that I have read and understand the above, and agree to abide by the requirements of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee.

Name _____
(please print)

Signature _____

Date _____