2020 Official Application Announcement

The Loyd E. Williams
Pipe Trades Training Center
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Step 1: Submit your application online

Applications for Apprenticeship will be available online only for Plumbing, Steamfitting-Pipefitting, and Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Mechanical Service at www.pipetradestraining.org from January 6, 2020 through 12:00 p.m. on February 13th, 2020. Paper applications will no longer be accepted.

Step 2: Submit your supporting documents in person

Supporting documents must be submitted in person on the following dates and times at the Training Center Office:

- February 3rd – 6th, 2020 (Monday – Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm)
- February 10th – 13th, 2020 (Monday – Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm)

Supporting Documents:
The following documents (include 1 extra copy of each) must be submitted in person by the applicant:

1) Paper copy of email confirming you applied online
2) Original high school diploma*, or GED, or official transcripts
3) Valid state issued driver’s license or identification card, or U.S. passport
4) High school seniors must provide letter of recommendation from their high school indicating they are on track to graduate by June of 2020
5) All records must be presented and/or officially transcribed to English
*Diplomas will be verified; online diplomas will not be accepted

Step 3: Take the Entrance Exam at the Training Center

Qualified applicants will be scheduled to take the Entrance Examination on April 4th, 2020 at the Training Center. High school seniors anticipating graduation by June of 2020 will be allowed to take the Entrance Exam, however results will not be given until proof of graduation is provided, no later than June 30, 2020.

Hourly Wage Rate:
Earn while you learn. Apprentice starting wage is $29.10 for on the job training. Tuition is free!

Characteristics of the Trade:
Apprentices will be required to be in possession of a valid Driver’s License and maintain a safe driving record. Apprentices shall be under supervision of a qualified journeyman at all times. The trade requires physical effort on the part of the apprentice to do climbing, crawling, pulling, lifting, crouching and working in cramped quarters. Mechanical ability and finger dexterity are very essential. Depending on the job, the work may be performed either indoors or outdoors, with a majority of the work outdoors in semi-sheltered or unfinished buildings or in deep ditches and on high scaffolds. Seasonal work subject to weather and economic conditions. Apprentices will be required to perform the essential functions of the trade.

Minimum Requirements:
1. Age: Must be at least 17 years of age to apply. Qualified applicants who are 17 years old may take the exam but will not be dispatched to work until they reach their 18th birthday.
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Minimum Requirements Continued:
2. Physical: Applicant must be of such physical condition as not to place him/herself or their future co-worker in jeopardy. No physical examination is required, however the applicant must be able to perform the physical requirements/essential functions of the Trade.
3. Other: Applicant may be required to pass a drug/alcohol test prior to being dispatched to an employer.

Length of Apprenticeship:
The length of apprenticeship for this trade is five (5) years of paid on-the-job training which includes five (5) years of unpaid night school classes which is typically two nights per week.

All qualified applicants who pass the Entrance Exam will be placed on a waiting list. The waiting list is valid for up to 3 years for the Plumbing and Steamfitting-Pipefitting trades – applicants are called off the waiting list to be dispatched. The waiting list is valid for up to 2 years for the HVACR trade and applicants must solicit work from a UA Local 393 signatory contractor. No individual will be allowed to take the Entrance Exam more than three (3) times.

The selection of apprentices will be made on the basis of qualifications alone, without regard to religion, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status of the person discriminated against.

The Pipe Trades Training Center is committed to complying fully with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and ensuring equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities. The Pipe Trades Training Center will provide reasonable accommodation to the known disabilities of any student, if such accommodation is required in order for the student to participate in the program and the accommodation would not cause undue hardship. We comply with all applicable state and federal regulations regarding the accommodation of individuals with special needs.

DESCRIPTION OF OCCUPATIONS

PLUMBING
The Plumber protects the health and safety of the community by providing pure water to residential, commercial and industrial buildings for drinking, cooking, washing, cleaning, manufacturing or personal use, and to remove wastewater after it has served its purpose.

STEAMFITTING-PIPEFITTING
The Steamfitter protects our environment by properly installing piping and equipment for complex heating/air conditioning and special industrial piping systems such as semiconductor, biotechnology and power generation.

REFRIGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING MECHANICAL SERVICE:
The Refrigeration/Air Conditioning Service Mechanic is responsible for the service, repair, installation, and retrofit of all types of refrigeration equipment, from the smallest air conditioning systems to the air conditioning and refrigeration units used in hospitals, skyscrapers, research and development laboratories, supermarkets and other complex installations.

The purpose of the Loyd E. Williams Pipe Trades Training Center is to develop and maintain a highly skilled workforce by providing ongoing training opportunities.