

WESTERN PA OPERATING ENGINEERS

JOINT APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAM

APPRENTICESHIP – “EARNING WHILE LEARNING”

The Western Pennsylvania Operating Engineers Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program will accept applications for apprenticeship in their Heavy Equipment Operators Program and their Mechanic Technicians Program in 2012. Applicants may apply for either or both Programs but may enroll in only one. Applications will be available on select dates between January 16 – January 27, 2012. Combining on-the-job training (under the close supervision of a skilled craftperson) along with craft related classroom instruction, an apprentice learns by doing. One of the best parts of this approach is that apprentices get paid while they learn on the job and once training is complete apprentices earn the distinction of journeymen.

WHAT ARE OPERATING ENGINEERS?

They are key employees on construction sites. They are responsible for the safe operation and maintenance of large and expensive heavy construction equipment such as cranes, backhoes, loaders, scrapers, bulldozers, rollers, etc. used in the construction of our buildings, factories, roads, dams, power plants, and bridges.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

This program will teach the safe efficient operation and basic maintenance of construction equipment. Field training will include instruction on at least 5 major types of heavy equipment. During classroom instruction apprentices will receive training in hazardous material handling, equipment maintenance, mechanical systems and reading grade stakes.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC TECHNICIANS

This program will teach the necessary skills to maintain, troubleshoot and perform repairs of various mechanical systems on a wide range of equipment. Apprentices will receive both hands-on and classroom instruction on the latest methods of equipment maintenance and repair.

EARN COLLEGE CREDITS

Up to 45 college credits may be awarded by a local community college to those who successfully complete this Program.

WHO QUALIFIES?

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDE:

1. Be at least 18 at the time of acceptance into the Program
2. Reside in one of the 33 counties of Western Pennsylvania or Columbiana, Mahoning or Trumbull counties in Ohio for a minimum of 6 months.
3. Have a high school diploma or GED.
4. Have a valid Pennsylvania or Ohio drivers license.
5. Submit a non-refundable fee of \$25 with each application.
6. Have dependable transportation.
7. Pass a Department of Transportation physical exam.
8. Pass a drug test – *Drug use is not tolerated in the construction industry where safety is a life and death issue.*

WHERE DO I PICK UP AN APPLICATION

Applications and information packets must be picked up in person between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday, beginning January 16 – January 27, 2012 at the following locations:

Western PA Operating Engineer Apprenticeship Office

107 Operators Way, New Alexandria, PA 15670
Administrative Manger: Steven D. Columbus
Phone: 724-668-2244

Operating Engineers Local 66 Dispatch Offices:

111 Zeta Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15238	1701 State ST., 2 nd Floor, Erie, PA 16501
291 McClurg Road, Youngstown, OH 44512	206 Seneca St., 1 st Floor, Oil City, PA 16301
2015 Oakland Ave., #19, Indiana, PA 15701	1095 University Drive, Dunbar, PA 15431
214 North Second ST., Clearfield, PA 16830	

For more information, visit www.wpaoperators.org

Applications will also be available on *Saturday, January 21, 2012*, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM at the Apprenticeship Office, 107 Operators Way, New Alexandria, PA.

HOW ARE APPLICANTS SELECTED?

Selection for the Heavy Equipment Operators Program and Mechanic Technician Programs will be made according to the needs within the region of western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio covered by the Training Program. Candidates will be selected by an independent organization or appointed panel using job-related selection testing and interview. Final selection for both Programs will be made prior to May 1, 2012.

These Programs offer an excellent training opportunity, they do not guarantee full employment. Employment is assigned by the Union as provided for in the Collective Bargaining Agreements.

The Western Pennsylvania Operating Engineers Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program is a non-profit educational training program organized for the purpose of providing qualified Heavy Equipment Operators and Mechanic Technicians to employers in the construction industry.

The Western Pennsylvania Operating Engineers Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program operates on a non-discriminatory basis as outlined under Equal Employment Law – Executive Order No. 11246, Chapter 30, Title 29 and the American's With Disabilities Act, Public Law 101-336, and under the Program's Affirmative Action Plan. Female and minority applicants are urged to apply.