

Frequently Asked Questions – Application Process & Apprenticeship

Q What is the Minneapolis Electrical JATC?

A The Minneapolis Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee is an electrical Training Center sponsored by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 292, and the Minneapolis Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA). The Training Center itself is a 40,000 square foot building located in St. Michael, Minnesota, featuring seven educational classrooms and twelve labs (including: Solar, PLC, VFD, Transformer, Instrumentation, and Pipe Bending Labs).

Q What is a Minneapolis Electrical JATC Apprenticeship?

A It is a five year Apprenticeship program registered through the Minnesota Department of Labor that consists of two components of training. On-the-job training is completed by the Apprentice working full-time with one of our contractors, and Related Training is completed through classroom and lab education. Your Apprenticeship will prepare you for a lifelong career in the Electrical Industry as an IBEW Journeyman Electrician.

Q How often would I need to attend school?

A School is held from August to May, one day a week for 30 weeks total (no class on holiday weeks). The school day runs from 7:00AM to 3:30PM, with breaks in the morning, afternoon, and for lunch.

Q How much is tuition?

A If you have been accepted into the program, you do not have to pay tuition. Please note, however, that you do still have to pay for your books each school year.

Q What is the application process?

A It is the first few steps in an overall selection procedure:

1. Applicant completes an application form.
2. Applicant submits required documentation within 30 day timeframe.
3. Applicant takes a scheduled Aptitude Test, and passes with a score of 4 or higher.
4. Applicant meets all minimum qualifications for being interviewed.
5. Applicants are interviewed using the interview rating form.
6. Applicants are placed in a pool of eligible applicants based on their interview score.

Q Are applications accepted by mail?

A Yes, if you fill out an application form (from our website or requested by mail) complete with your \$25 application fee, we will mail you an application packet.

Q Are applications accepted online?

A No, currently we do not accept applications online.

Q How much time does it take to fill out an application?

A Most applicants find it takes between 20 and 30 minutes to complete the application packet. Only the main application packet needs to be filled out when you apply. You will have 30 days from the date of your application request to get all other necessary documentation to us.

Q What are the basic requirements?

A You need to be 17 years of age at the time of application, be a high school graduate or have your G.E.D., and be able to document one full credit of basic high school algebra with a passing grade of C or higher. You must also get a qualifying score of 4 or higher on the aptitude test to be eligible for an oral interview.

Q Is experience necessary to apply for the Apprenticeship?

A No experience in the electrical field is required to apply for the program. If you do have work experience or a trade school education in the electrical field, you could submit paperwork documenting this and the JATC would evaluate your experience and possibly award credit towards your Apprenticeship.

Q When can I apply for the Apprenticeship Program?

A Applications are accepted year round by mail or in-person between the hours of 9:00AM and 2:00PM, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) at:

Minneapolis Electrical JATC
13100 Frankfort Parkway
St. Michael, MN 55376

Q Who can apply for Apprenticeship?

A Anyone who meets the basic requirements and qualifications of the program regardless of age, gender, or ethnicity.

Q Can women apply?

A Yes, women are encouraged to apply for this type of program.

Q Can I be admitted into the program while I'm enrolled in an algebra course to meet the qualification?

A No, you must have successfully completed an algebra course to meet the requirement before you can be interviewed.

Q How many applicants are selected each year?

A The Committee meets monthly to determine the correct number of applicants to select based on the economy, the number of calls in for Apprentices, the number of Apprentices becoming Journeymen, and the number of Journeymen retiring. There is no set number.