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NW LINE JATC

Construction Linemen Apprenticeship



About the Industry and Apprenticeship

Journeymen linemen build and maintain electrical power systems. You can find them climbing electrical towers and poles. Their work starts from the point of power generation (Power Plants) all the way to the customer's meter. They work on overhead structures (up to 500' plus) or underground vaults and trenches. This work is done in both rural and metropolitan areas during all seasons and weather until the required work is completed. When power lines fail or become inoperable due to storms and other natural disasters, our outside electrical workers are there performing critical duties to get our power back up and running.

Apprenticeship is a training strategy that combines supervised, structured, on the job training with related classroom instruction. It is an earn while you learn system, where you will be assigned a full-time job earning wages; you will also be attending schooling. Our program typically takes about three/four years to complete and consists of a minimum of 7000 hours of on-the-job training and 562 hours of related supplemental instruction. This program requires extensive travel. There will be no compensation for traveling expenses or for related instructional classes.

Travel Requirements

As an apprentice with NW Line JATC, you will work under the four local agreement, an agreement with IBEW Locals 77, 125, 483, and 659, which covers all of Oregon, Washington, Northern Idaho, and Northern California. Throughout your apprenticeship you will be expected to travel the entire geographic area.

Wages and Benefits

The current average wage for Journeymen Linemen in the Pacific Northwest is $70.75 per hour with benefits. Apprentices will make a percentage of this wage, progressing in wage as they progress in the apprenticeship. Apprentices and immediate family are provided full medical, dental, and vision, along with a defined pension plan and annuity plan!

APPLY FOR APPRENTICESHIP

CURRENT JOURNEYMEN LINEMEN MAKE $70.75 PER HOUR

GAIN SKILLS AND JOIN A GREAT INDUSTRY

GET BENEFITS AND A PENSION

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Application Process

Get started today by visiting our website NWLINEJATC.COM and creating an account. We accept applications year-round! To be eligible for the interview you must complete our online application and meet all the requirements. Please note the enrollment fee is $35, and you have 90 days to finish your application.



Application Requirements & Documentation for a Complete Application

- Valid Commercial Driver's License (Class A with no restrictions **except** intra-state, and corrective lenses restriction)
- First Aid/CPR Certification. (Annual renewal required). Online cards are not accepted.
- Traffic Control Flagging Card (Issued in OR, WA, ID, or MT). Online cards are not accepted.
- Official Sealed High School Transcript or equivalent (GED/HSED)
- 18 years or older
- Once application is completed, applicants will be required to attend the pre-interview orientation and will take the NJATC Aptitude test; a passing score of 3 or higher to move on to the interview round.

Items Strongly Recommended (Not Required)

- Documentation of past outside electrical experience (If applicable)
- Industry Related Certifications (Crane Operator, Heavy Equipment, OSHA ET&D, etc.)

Interview Process

Interviews for the apprenticeship are held every other month throughout the year. Once you have completed the application you will be notified and then scheduled for mandatory aptitude testing and a pre-interview orientation. If you meet our required aptitude test score you will then be scheduled for an in-person interview in our next available interview round.

Interviews will last 10-15 minutes and are conducted by our interview committee. This is your chance to impress our committee and prove why you will be a great candidate for our apprenticeship program. After completing your interview, you will be assigned a score that will determine where you are placed on our Rank List (Dispatch List). This list determines the order that each candidate is offered apprenticeship positions.

Your Entry into Apprenticeship

Apprenticeship positions are offered based on industry demand. Our partnered training agents (contractors) will contact the office when for a new apprentice on the crew. If all current apprentices are working, we will contact the first person ranked on the Rank List and offer them an apprenticeship position. Each year is different, which can impact the number of applicants offered an apprenticeship.

