



SKILL IMPROVEMENT & APPRENTICESHIP FUND

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INFORMATION CONCERNING APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The best way to learn the skills of an Operating Engineer is to perform the work under the supervision of a skilled operator. Individuals wanting to pursue an apprenticeship as a Heavy Equipment Operator must meet the minimum qualifications as set forth by the State of Wisconsin Bureau of Apprenticeship.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Minimum age of 18 (Proof Required)
2. Must have a valid driver's license. (Proof Required)
3. High School Education or Equivalent (Proof Required).
4. Are able to meet the physical requirements of the job, which includes working in a variety of weather conditions and confined areas with or without reasonable accommodations.
5. Applications will be available on the **SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM MAY THRU OCTOBER** at "Information Sessions" held at the Coloma Training Center. Applicants must arrive no later than 9:00 a.m. at the Coloma Training Center, W11584 State Road 21, Coloma. Applicants should plan to be at the Training Site until noon on the application day. **DOORS CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 9:00 A.M SHARP!!** You must provide a copy of your high school education or equivalent and drivers license on the date of application. If economic conditions warrant, the State Bureau of Apprenticeship may suspend taking apprenticeship applications.

The Coloma Training Center is centrally located in the State of Wisconsin, making it accessible from all parts of the State.

Directions from Milwaukee and Chicago, IL: Take 94 East, held North to 894 West, then take US Hwy 45 North to US 41, travel north to State Hwy 21 West (at Oshkosh). Travel west approx 50 miles.

Directions from Madison, WI: Take Interstate 90-94 West travel North) then exit 108 – Interstate 39 North (formally US HWY 51- toward Portage) to the Coloma exit (State Hwy 21) go east 3.5 miles to training site.

Directions from Dubuque, IA: Take US Hwy 151 North travel East to Madison then Hwy 12 & 18 east to Interstate 90 West, Changes to 90-95 West, then take exit 108 – Interstate 39 North (formerly US Hwy 51 – toward Portage) to the Coloma exit (State Hwy 21) go east 3.5 miles to training site.

From Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN: Take Interstate 94 East travel South to the State Hwy 21 West exit (at Tomah) then take State Hwy 21 West approximately 58 miles to the training site from the Tomah exit.
6. Must take and pass a Job Skills test developed for the Trade of the Operating Engineer. There is a **\$15.00 fee** for this test.
7. Upon completion of the minimum requirements the Committee will issue what is referred to as a "Letter of Eligibility". Although the Training Center will maintain an list of qualified applicants which will be available to prospective employers, your best change of obtaining employment as an Operating Engineer apprentice is to contact employers or job supervisors personally, giving them a copy of your "Letter of Eligibility".
8. The "Letter of Eligibility" will remain in effect for a period of 1 year. If employment is not gained within the year you must advise the Committee in writing of your continued interest in this trade.

Information Sessions: June 9, 2009, July 14, 2009, August 11, 2009, ~~September 8, 2009~~-Cancelled

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