

APPRENTICESHIP Opportunities for High School Graduates

EARN as you LEARN!

Is Apprenticeship Right for You?

Are you interested in:

- Finding employment in an 'in-demand' occupation
- Being hired at a competitive wage with the opportunity for salary and career advancements
- Being **paid to learn** and **train** *while on the job*
- Developing highly sought after skills and industry recognized credentials

Eligibility Requirements

- High school diploma or G.E.D.
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Although not required, it is beneficial to take preparatory courses in high school that are relevant to the apprenticeship you are pursuing

Apprenticeship Opportunities and Resources

The MN Department of Labor and Industry offers registered apprenticeship opportunities for more than 100 occupations in the state, including those in construction, advanced manufacturing, agriculture, healthcare, information technology, transportation, and utilities. Go to: <https://secure.doli.state.mn.us/apprenticeshipsponsor/>.

The US Department of Labor has a search tool that can be used to find apprenticeship opportunities. Go to: <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/apprenticeship-finder>.

Labor unions also sponsor apprenticeship programs to prepare workers for skilled trade positions. Certain occupations, such as electricians or plumbers, require a standard number of hours of training and on-the-job experience. Some examples of union-sponsored apprenticeship programs include:

- Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) for **Plumbers and Steamfitters**. Go to: <https://11589jatc.com/>.
- **Sheet Metal Worker's** International Association (SMART). Go to: <http://smw10.org/>.
- The Local 49 Operating Engineers Training Center offers apprentice programs in **Heavy Machine Operations** and **Crane Operations**. Go to: <http://careertrainingbase.com/apprenticeship-programs/minnesota/>
- North America's **Building Trades** Union has 1600 training centers within the US. Go to: <https://nabtu.org/>
- **Iron Workers** Local 512 in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Go to: <http://ironworkers512.com/>
- International Brotherhood of **Electrical Workers**, #294 or #242 in Duluth, Bemidji, Brainerd, and the Iron Range. Go to: <http://www.ibew294-neca.org/ibew.php>



By 2020, apprenticeship opportunities in the US are projected to grow by 22.5%. - BLS