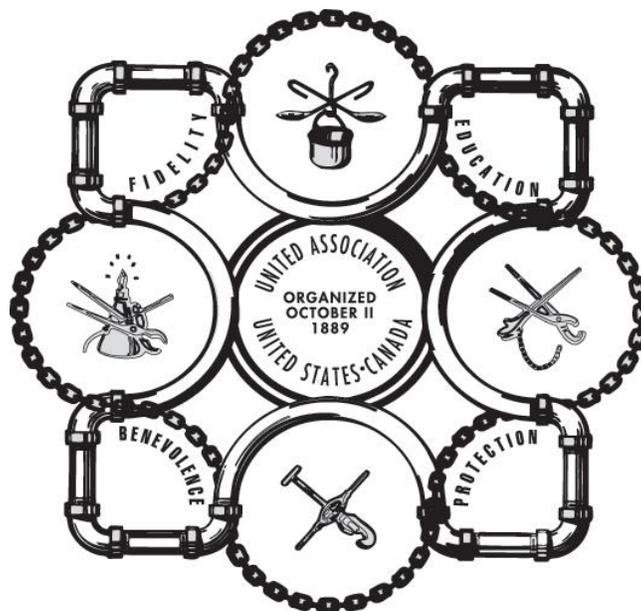


# UA LOCAL 598 PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS



## APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

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## 1. TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION:

- a. You must have a current picture I.D.
- b. You must pick up the application in person
- c. You must pick up the application Monday through Friday between the hours of 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

## 2. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants shall pick up their application in person and provide a copy of a current picture ID.

Applicants shall meet the following minimum qualifications:

**Age:** Applicants must be at least 17 years of age and turning 18 years of age by the time of the interview.

**Education:** Apprentice applicants must be high school graduates or have a passing grade on an official high school equivalency test. Applicants must provide the committee with a transcript of their high school grades or their G.E.D. test scores.

**Physical:** All applicants must be physically capable of performing the work of this trade.

**Testing:** Applicants must complete the Compass test (at their expense) or have completed Compass test in the past 12 months with a score of: Writing Skills – 23, Reading Skills – 70, and Numerical Skills, Pre-Algebra – 51 or Algebra - 26. For more information, call Columbia Basin College at (509) 547-0511.

Applicants must complete (at their expense) a Non-D.O.T. drug test at a Lourdes Occupational Health facility with negative results immediately following the pick-up of application.

**Other:**

1. Birth Certificate
2. Military Discharge (DD-214), if applicable
3. Work history for the past five years
4. Personal and employer letters of recommendation

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## **3. FACTS ABOUT THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**

1. It is a five-year program of work and school
2. School consists of a minimum of six hours per week for 24 weeks a year
3. You will be working during your Apprenticeship
4. You must have good transportation
5. You must have a valid driver's license at all times
6. You must follow the Apprenticeship Rules
7. You will be drug tested
8. You will work any job in our jurisdiction
9. You will abide by all rules and regulations of the JATC
10. When you finish your Apprenticeship, you will be a Journey level Plumber, Pipefitter or Steamfitter

# **LOCAL 598 PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM**

## **PLUMBER**

### **What They Do**

Plumbers install pipes for water, gas, sewage and drainage systems. They also install sanitary facilities such as lavatories, toilets, tubs, bathroom fixtures, showers, kitchen fixtures, drinking fountains and laundry equipment. Plumbers use a variety of skills to install piping systems. They use both hand and power tools in their work for cutting, bending and threading pipe and make solid welded and soldered joints. Plumbers must also run tests on their installations to assure that the system is functioning properly and meets the plumbing code. They are often called upon to clear pipe lines and drains and to make repairs on fixtures and leaking pipes.

### **Working Conditions**

Plumbers work outdoors in all kinds of weather, as well as indoors. They work on ladders, in trenches, or in unfinished sections of new buildings. Often this work is done in cramped, wet or dirty locations. It is frequently necessary to stand for long period of time. Occasionally, work must be done in uncomfortable positions and relatively inaccessible places.

### **Interest and Temperament**

Plumbers must be able to understand detailed written and verbal instructions. They must be able to plan ahead and visualize completed projects. They should enjoy working with their hands and accept occasionally unfavorable working conditions and have the ability to solve math problems quickly and accurately. Plumbers must be willing to keep abreast of changes and advancing techniques after their apprenticeship is complete and throughout their plumbing careers.

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## **STEAMFITTER**

### **What They Do**

Steamfitters are craftsmen who assemble, install, and maintain pipes to carry water, steam, compressed air, gases and fluids needed for processing, manufacturing, heating or cooling. The journeyman steamfitter must be able to adapt and repair pipe systems and install appliances, heating and refrigeration units and do all types of pipe welding. Steamfitters work with both high and low pressure pipes, mainly in industrial and commercial buildings. They also install and repair residential heating and cooling equipment. Certified welding is often required for a particular job and is offered as part of the educational process.

### **Working Conditions**

Steamfitters work both inside and out, depending on the job. In new construction, steamfitters move onto the job after the basic structure is erected. The work is active and can be strenuous. They do a great deal of walking, standing, climbing, lifting and working in cramped and high areas. They are subject to the hazards of working with and around high pressure gas, steam and chemical lines.

### **Interest and Temperament**

Steamfitters must be able to understand detailed written and verbal instructions. They must be able to plan ahead and visualize completed projects. They should enjoy working with their hands and accept occasionally unfavorable working conditions. They must have the ability to solve math problems quickly and accurately. They should be willing to keep abreast of changes in technology in their field both during and after their apprenticeship.

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## **REFRIGERATION FITTER**

### **What They Do**

Refrigeration fitters Install, Maintain, and service heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC), and refrigeration systems. Often refrigeration fitters are called upon to service boilers and chillers.

### **Working Conditions**

Refrigeration fitters' work is physically active and can be strenuous. Their work is usually indoors, occasionally they are called on to work outdoors and in unfinished sections of new buildings. It is often necessary to stand for long periods of time. Sometimes the work is in uncomfortable surroundings and in nearly inaccessible locations.

### **Interest and Temperament**

Refrigeration fitters must be able to understand detailed written and verbal instructions. They must be able to plan ahead and visualize completed projects. They should enjoy working with their hands and accept occasionally unfavorable working conditions.