



North Atlantic States **CARPENTERS TRAINING FUND**

WHAT DOES A CARPENTER DO?

Just about every building in your community was at least in part, built by skilled carpenters. Carpenters work with hand and power tools and utilize a variety of materials. They build forms for concrete construction for foundations, bridges, tunnels, Etc. They build wood framed structures including houses, roofs, decks and sheathing. Carpenters install doors, windows, storefronts, and fixtures. They build cabinets, countertops and finished handrails. They also do metal framing, insulation, drywall and acoustical ceilings.

Carpenters do interior and exterior finish work and utilize skills such as blueprint reading, transit level and laser operations, welding, rigging and scaffold erecting. Carpenters are involved in new construction as well as remodeling projects.

Other specialties within the Carpenters Union include Floor Covering, Mill Cabinet Shops, Millwright work and Pile Driving.

WORKING CONDITIONS.

Carpentry work is very physical and involves a good deal of standing, climbing, kneeling lifting and bending. Work is done both indoors and outdoors, depending on the stage and nature of the construction and the type of work being performed. Work conditions vary with each job. Job site locations and conditions may change numerous times during the year. One day you may be inside where it is warm and dry and the next day you may be outside where it is cold and wet. You could be working 100 feet below ground or 10 stories above the ground. You may need to travel outside your local area to get to the job site.

You must be in good health, meet certain strength requirements, be agile and have good hand- eye coordination. Some jobs are quite strenuous while other such as trim work are less demanding physically but require more accuracy and precision.

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM.

The Apprenticeship program is a four year, formalized training program. Apprentices must attend 640+ hours of related technical classroom instruction and up to 8,000 hours of on-the-job practical training to graduate. The apprenticeship program is designed to thoroughly develop the talents and skills of up-and-coming carpenters. The program is a combination of classroom and shop learning as well as jobsite employment. Apprentices attend classes for one week every three months, a system designed to accommodate the needs of contractors and apprentices alike. Apprentices are required to work a minimum number of hours on a jobsite per year. As a result, apprentices are continuously building upon their knowledge and skill base while solidifying these lessons in a practical jobsite setting.

The program allows carpenter apprentices to earn wages and benefits that enable them to provide for themselves and their families, while learning from the most experienced professionals both in the classroom and on-site. Typically, apprentices start around 50% of the journeyworker pay scale. As their training progresses, apprentices earn more until they become full carpenters, called "journeymen," and are then paid at the journeymen rate.



WHAT ARE THE PROGRAMS SPECIFICS?

Length of Program - 8000 hours (8 – 1000 hour periods)
Related Training - 144 hours per year
Starting pay - 45% of journeyman rate (higher with credit for experience)
Fringe Benefits- Health Insurance, Pension, Annuity and Training

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY?

Provide copies of proof of age (minimum 17 years of age). Birth certificate preferred (Driver's License, Passport or Green Card are also acceptable).

AND

Provide copies of documentation of high school graduation and transcript for high school, or completion of a GED with applicable scores. (High school seniors must provide transcripts and a letter from their schools stating that they are eligible to graduate within three months).

WHERE DO I APPLY?

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