

PIPE U

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General Information

For over 60 years, our Apprenticeship Program has proudly served the piping industry across Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and surrounding counties. This joint labor-management initiative is dedicated to training highly skilled craftsmen for today's construction industry.

Apprentices receive hands-on and classroom training in one of three trades:

- **Plumbing**
- **Air Conditioning**
- **Pipefitting/Welding**

Program Overview

The Apprenticeship Program is a **60-month (5-year)** commitment combining classroom instruction and on-the-job experience.

- **Classroom Training:** Two evenings per week, three hours per night
- **On-the-Job Training:** 40 hours per week (as work is available)

Apprentices must have **reliable transportation** to and from both their job sites and evening classes.

Please note that not all applicants are selected. If you are not chosen immediately, your application will remain active for **two years** and will be reconsidered during future selection periods. After two years, applications are removed from our files.

Costs and Materials

The program is **tuition-free**, but apprentices are responsible for purchasing their textbooks each year. Before classes begin, you'll receive details about your assigned class, schedule, and textbook costs.

Required Documents to Apply

- **BIRTH CERTIFICATE**
- **SOCIAL SECURITY CARD**
- **OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADE TRANSCRIPT** or **GED TEST SCORES**
(PLEASE NOTE: INCOMPLETE TRANSCRIPTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)
- **VALID FLORIDA DRIVERS LICENSE** (Learner's permit or State ID - NOT ACCEPTED)
- **DD214 – MILITARY SEPARATION** (if applicable)
- **COMPLETED WELDER VISUAL ACUITY FORM** (for pipefitter/welder applicants only)
- **PROOF OF CLEAN DRIVING RECORD** (for HVAC applicants only)

(Must be 18 years old minimum to apply)

Application Process

Step 1: Create an Account

To start your application, visit our website and select the “Get Started” tab. Then, click the red “Create an Account” button to begin.

To create an account, please visit our website at: WWW.PIPEU.COM

Step 2: Application

Log in to your account and complete the application, ensuring that all required documents are uploaded and submitted (see *Required Documents to Apply* on page 1).

In addition to the required documents, you may submit **reference letters** to strengthen your application. To receive credit for references, you must provide **at least three letters from Local Union 630 members**.

You are also encouraged to include any **certifications, training, or relevant experience** related to the trade for which you are applying.

Once this step is complete, you will receive an **email notification** with instructions on how to proceed to the next step.

Step 3: Math Evaluation & Hands-On Evaluation

Before the interview, all applicants must successfully complete a **math evaluation** with a **minimum score of 75%** to advance to the practical evaluation and interview stages.

Applicants may take the math evaluation **up to twice within a one-year period**, and evaluations are **scheduled monthly**.

Topics covered include:

- Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers, decimals, and fractions
- Measurement calculations

Applicants are strongly encouraged to review these topics beforehand. Free math tutorials are available at www.khanacademy.org.

Immediately following the math evaluation, applicants will participate in a **hands-on practical assessment**. This activity helps interviewers evaluate each applicant’s **mechanical aptitude**.

Step 4: Interview & Selections

Only applicants who submit a **complete application package** will be contacted for an interview. A complete application includes:

- The application forms with all required documentation
- A passing score on the math evaluation
- Completion of the hands-on practical evaluation

Applicants will be evaluated and ranked according to their overall performance, and selections will be made beginning with the top-ranked candidates.

Apprentice Wage Schedule



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SCHEDULE OF APPRENTICES WAGES

January 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026

J Journeyman:	\$38.16 COMMERCIAL	\$39.66 SERVICE	\$45.13 INDUSTRIAL	\$32.00 RESIDENTIAL
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APPRENTICE:	%	COMMERCIAL	SERVICE	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL
1st 6 months	60%	\$22.90	\$23.80	\$27.08	\$18.90
2nd 6 months	63%	\$24.05	\$24.99	\$28.44	\$19.85
3rd 6 months	66%	\$25.19	\$26.18	\$29.79	\$20.79
4th 6 months	69%	\$26.34	\$27.37	\$31.15	\$21.74
5th 6 months	72%	\$27.48	\$28.56	\$32.49	\$22.68
6th 6 months	75%	\$28.28	\$29.75	\$33.85	\$23.63
7th 6 months	78%	\$29.77	\$30.94	\$35.20	\$24.57
8th 6 months	81%	\$30.92	\$32.13	\$36.56	\$25.52
9th 6 months	84%	\$32.05	\$33.31	\$37.91	\$26.46
10th 6 months	87%	\$33.20	\$34.51	\$39.27	\$27.41

Plus fringe package: Health & Welfare	\$9.03
Local Pension	\$7.67 (\$9.17 for Industrial hrs only)
National Pension	\$1.23
J.A.T.C.	\$0.85 (\$1.25 for Industrial hrs only)
Industry Fund	\$0.16
TOTAL	\$18.94

**Pre-Apprentice: \$18.00 per hour, plus \$9.03 Health & Welfare and \$0.25 JATC

Helper: \$15.00 per hour, plus \$9.03 Health & Welfare and \$0.25 JATC

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