

Apprentice Program Contacts

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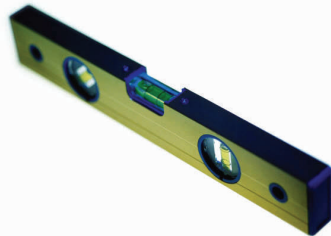
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What Can I Expect as an Apprentice?

Masons learn their trade through on-the-job training and classroom and masonry lab work as part of a state certified apprentice program. Masons must complete the three year apprentice program, with classes held once a week starting mid-August and ending in mid-May.

Apprentices are expected to continue their employment during the program and are required to keep a record of their on-the-job (OJT) training that must be submitted to their instructor to become part of their permanent record.

As your work experience expands, your salary will be reviewed every six months by your employer and instructor. With a good attendance record and command of necessary skills, apprentices can enjoy increases in salary.



When & Where Are Classes Held?

Classes are held statewide at various community colleges and high schools. Classes are generally held one evening a week for four hours and occasionally on Saturdays. For additional information, please see the contact list on the back of this brochure or visit our website: www.masonryeducation.org



What Do I Need to Do to Sign-Up?

All apprentices must be 18 years of age, must apply in person and bring the following documentation: Valid Driver's License, Social Security Number or Card, and if applicable, documentation of US Citizenship or Legal Resident Alien with work permit.

As an apprentice in our program you will learn to do the job right the first time by a qualified instructor. You are taught job safety and how to develop good work and life skills. As an apprentice in training, you will learn the trade faster and safer and have a better chance to advance as a foreman or supervisor based on your skill level.

Mason contractors have been facing a shortage of skilled masons. With the skills you learn in the three year program you will have a career for life and can take your experience anywhere in the world for employment.

Classroom training will teach you about tools, materials, job safety, layout for block and brick and blue print reading.

Tools to be purchased by the apprentice are minimal, and include a trowel, 4-foot level, brick hammer and measuring tape. Apprentices who cannot purchase these items will be accommodated on a per case basis. If you are having a problem with the purchase of your tools, please speak to your instructor.



How Much Money Can I Make as a Mason?

As a Brick/Block Mason you can expect to make \$20.60 per hour or \$42,850 per year. As an Estimator or Foreman, you will make around \$52,900 per year and as a Project Manager, you can make up to \$76,000 per year!*

What Classes Will I Take?



The following is a sample of the classes required to take to graduate:

Masonry Apprenticeship – Year 1

- Safety
- Tools
- Use of equipment in class and on jobsite
- Set-up, spreading mortar, masonry units & clean-up

Masonry Apprenticeship – Year 2

- Layout of masonry units, brick and block
- Beginners estimating – calculating masonry units per job
- Building brick and block walls and projects

Masonry Apprenticeship – Year 3

- Blueprint reading
- Complete job estimating
- Brick arches, window sills
- Glass block, stone and other masonry materials

Additionally, every apprentice is eligible to demonstrate their skills and compete in the Masonry Association of Florida, Inc. State and National Apprentice Competitions!

* Source: [US Bureau of Labor Statistics](http://www.bls.gov).