**Central Valley JATC Apprenticeship Presentation Q & A**

**Do apprentice’s get raises over the 5-year program and how much will I make?**

Yes, 1st raise after reaching 1,000 hours OTJ, and the 2nd raise after completion of 1st year final exam, and 2,000 hours OJT completed. Each raise after is yearly at completion of each final exam and reaching 1500 hours OJT.

**Is the apprenticeship a drug free workplace?**

Yes. The IBEW is a drug free organization. We are an “International” organization which follows Federal Law, not only California State Laws. You will be given a drug screen, cheek swab or urine analysis, before you enter the apprenticeship and may also be drug screened per jobsite requirements. The 9th District also conducts a Third-Party random drug screen you may be selected to perform at any moment through out your membership with IBEW Local 684.

**Are females welcome in the building trades and the IBEW?**

Yes, females are welcome and encouraged to join the building trades and IBEW especially.

**Is experience required?**

No experience required to apply for the apprenticeship.

**What is the minimum age requirement to join?**

18 years of age.

**What are the documents needed to apply?**

Copies of Diploma/GED, ID, DMV report, Proof of Color Vision Exam and Official Transcripts from High School and/or College along with completion of 1 year of high school algebra or 1 semester of college algebra.

**How far will I be sent to work?**

Our jurisdiction covers 4 counties, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus & Tuolumne Counties. Only journeyman have the choice to travel outside our jurisdiction to obtain work.

**When do I go to school?**

The JATC does day schooling. One week of school, 7am – 3:30pm, M-F, every 9 to 10 weeks, Fall to Spring. Weeks in between school weeks apprentices will be working obtaining On-the-Job (OTJ) training in the field with a local union contractor.

**How much does it cost?**

The training is completely free of tuition, there may be a cost for books beginning your 2nd year around $500 plus/minus. An initiation fee $249 dollars is due the 1st year after 2 weeks of work.

**Is everyone accepted who applies?**

No, not everyone gets accepted that applies. The pool list varies from 125 to 175 applicants at a time, and the top 25 to 30 candidates get accepted each year. Your name stays on the pool list for 1 year, then if you wish you may re-apply and go through the process again.

**Are there other opportunities other than/prior to the apprenticeship?**

Yes, we have a Construction Wireman (CW) program that you may apply for. Which can be a great step stone before the apprenticeship to gauge the environment of a jobsite and what your normal duties on the job are like with an electrical contractor. Highly recommended to all applicants when they have no construction experience.

**IBEW Local 684 Interest Form**

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**GPA & Highest Math Completed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Brief description of what gained your interest into becoming an electrician. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**