

## Apprenticeship Information

While we stress the importance of post-secondary education, we realize that college isn't for everyone. An apprenticeship program for a skilled trade may be the perfect postsecondary plan for you. Requirements vary, but most programs require the applicant to be at least 18 and have a high school diploma or GED. What you will earn will depend on your individual circumstances. For instance, the beginning Apprentice in a Building Trades Apprenticeship Program begins at 45% to 50% of the current Journeyman rate. That percentage goes up every year you are in the program, until you reach your Journeyman status.

What does that mean in dollars and cents? You earn while you learn!

Average Journeyman Rate of the 16 Trades in Michigan \$22.00 per hour - Base Rate @ 45% -- \$ 9.90 - Per Hour

This an estimate of what you will earn during your first year. Fringe Benefits are over and above. They include, but are not limited to: Insurance, Pension, Vacation, Training Fund. When you complete a four or five year apprenticeship program, your journeyman card takes you to 100% of the current wages. Your training is part of your apprenticeship, so unlike someone who has gone to a two or four year college program, you won't have a college loan to pay-off with your income.

The links below provide information about a variety of apprenticeship opportunities:

[Michigan Construction Apprenticeship Schools](#)—Click on “Career Opportunities” to find information on careers from asbestos workers to sprinkler fitters in the state of Michigan.

[Southeast Power Lineman Training Center](#)—An intense 15 week program training students to work on overhead and underground power lines.

[Macomb Applied Technology Apprenticeship Program](#)—A certified program through Macomb Community College for a variety of trades

[MLTAI](#)—Construction apprenticeships