

We hope you enjoyed the holidays and are having a great new year!!

Backflow Certifications – this certification is a 40-hour class and is good for 3 years. We will be holding certification classes on February 16, 2019 and March 9, 2019 at the East Region Training Center and February 23, 2019 and March 16, 2019 at the West Region Training Center with test. You must attend all 4 class dates prior to the test date of March 16, 2019. Depending on interest these classes may be cancelled.

If you are interested in attending, please call the office by January 31, 2019.

Backflow Recertifications – For those that have a Backflow Certification that is due to expire, classes have been scheduled at both Training Centers as follows;

East Region – January 31, 2019 West Region – February 13, 2019

Notices will be sent out to those members that are due to expire.

<u>CPR Class</u> – This is a mandatory class for all 1st and 2nd Year Apprentices. We will also open this class for all members and their immediate family members if you would like to attend.

East Region - February 9, 2019 at 9:00am;

West Region - February 23, 2019 at 9:00am.

In-house Apprentice Contest – All 5th
Year Apprentices will be competing at the
West Region Training Center at 8:00am on
February 9, 2019 to see who will be
representing Local Union 354 at the State
Contest.

Local Union 354 will be hosting the PA State Apprentice Contest scheduled for March 25th – March 28th, 2019.

Finance Class – All 4th and 5th Apprentices must attend this class scheduled for February 25, 2019 at 6:00pm at the West Region Training Center; February 26, 2019 at the East Region Training Center, 6:00pm. This class is open to any other Apprentice or any member as well.

Chris Pipich is the JATC's Finance Advisory and with all the work in the area (including overtime) we are seeing, I asked Chris to come in and discuss with the Apprentices savings, investments and insurance.

<u>Journeymen Drug Tests</u> – Just a reminder that drug testing will take place:

January 16th from 4:00pm-7:00pm at the East Region;

January 19th from 9:00am-Noon at the East Region;

January 24th from 4:00pm-7:00pm at the West Region; and,

January 26th from 9:00am-Noon at the West Region.

<u>City of Johnstown Plumbing Test</u> – All 4th Year Apprentices must attend on January 26, 2019 at 8:00am at the East Region Training Center.

Any Journeyman interested please call the office to get signed-up.

Medical Gas Certification —The 5th Year Apprentices at the West Region are currently taking this class and will complete and test on March 5, 2019. If anyone is interested in taking this certification, please call the office.

<u>EPRI Rigging</u> – Classes for the 5th Year Apprentices in the East Region will be starting March 4th – May 6th every Monday Night. Any Journeyman interested in sitting in with the 5th Year class will need to call the office to sign-up.

Weld Tests – At this time with all the overtime work going on, we have not scheduled any Saturday weld tests. If there is a test you would like to take, send in a test request form and we will schedule you during an evening when a CWI is having class

Do you know a good candidate for the Apprenticeship Program? The last 5 dates to apply for the 2019-2020 school year are:

January 21st, February 18th, February 25th, February 26th and February 27th from 8:00am-Noon at both Training Centers.



Notice of Apprenticeship Program Open Enrollment

Accepting Plumbers, Pipefitters and Welders Apprenticeship Applications

February 25 – February 27, 2019 (Monday – Wednesday from 8:00am to Noon)

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age Applications must be submitted in person Incomplete applications will not be accepted

Applicants who reside in Westmoreland, Fayette, portions of Washington and Greene Counties can apply at:

Local Union #354 Plumbers and Pipefitters ● 263 Armbrust Road ● Youngwood, PA 15697

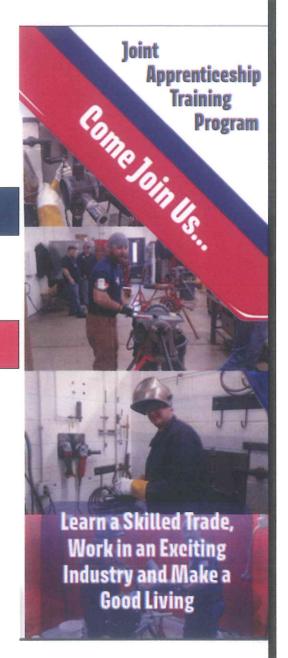
Applicants who reside in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson and Somerset Counties can apply at:

Local Union #354 Plumbers and Pipefitters ● 172 Municipal Road ● Ebensburg, PA 15931

and submit the following documents in person:

- ☐ High School Transcripts or GED
- ☐ Copy of DD-214 form, if applicable
- ☐ **Two Letters of Recommendation** (from former employers, school officials, or non-related persons)
- ☐ Current PA Driver's License, and
- ☐ Application Fee of \$40.00 cash or money order (no personal checks will be accepted)

Applicants must be physically capable of performing work of outside construction plumbing-pipefitting trade, work at various heights and in extreme weather conditions.



If you have any questions, please call 724-925-8108