



Western Washington Cement Masons Apprenticeship

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We are looking for people who:

Enjoy working with their hands and take pride in what they can build
Don't mind putting in an honest day's work for an honest day's pay
Can make a commitment and know what it takes to follow through
Understand team work

What We Do

Concrete is the most widely used building material. Cement Masons place and finish concrete according to specifications on roads, buildings, homes, sports arenas, and bridges – in fact, in almost all man-made structures. In addition to hard trowel, broom and exposed aggregate, we can make concrete look like any natural material, such as slate, brick, wood or stone. We color it, stain it, polish it, and stencil it. Imagination is the only limitation with concrete.

We also set forms, repair concrete with cement-based products, epoxy injection and fiber wrap, and apply decorative and utilitarian toppings of epoxy and polymer-based cement products. In addition, we need to know how to operate many types of power equipment and the tools used in cement finishing.

The Cement Masons Trade

Cement Masons do hard, physical labor. It is important to be in excellent health, have a good sense of balance, good eyesight and hearing, and the desire and ability to work hard.

Cement Masons work in all kinds of weather, and the majority of the work is done outdoors. They are sometimes required to work from great heights such as off-swinging scaffolding, man lifts, etc.

You will be required to purchase your own tools. You will also need work boots, rubber boots, rain gear and gloves.

Learn the Cement Mason Trade through Apprenticeship

Apprenticeship Means Teamwork. It takes the combined efforts of Labor, Management, Government and the Department of Education to create a training program that will keep up with today's building industry . . . and that is exactly what we have done.

Apprenticeship Means On-the-Job Training. You will learn new skills by working on-the-job with experienced journeyman Cement Masons. You will master the tools of the trade with hands-on practice. You will build new skills daily, and get paid as you learn.

Apprenticeship Means Professional Instruction. The applications of concrete technology are explored during formal classroom instruction. First Aid, Safety, Builders Level, and the latest innovations are all part of the program. However, class work is not limited to theory alone. As an apprentice, you will refine your finishing skills under the personal guidance of master craftsmen.

Apprenticeship Information

The Western Washington Cement Masons Apprenticeship Program takes three years to complete and involves both on the job and classroom training. You will be paid for work while on the job, with full health care and retirement benefits. When you have completed the program, you will have earned Journeyman status with the Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons International Association, and be eligible to work as a Journeyman Cement Mason anywhere in the United States or Canada.

Apprentice Cement Masons are paid at 50% of the journeyman wage to start, plus full benefits. Additional credit can be given for previous experience in the trade. Wage increases are given incrementally every six months, provided the requirements of the apprenticeship program are successfully met. The Journeyman rate, as of 6/1/09, is \$35.75 an hour, with an additional benefit package of \$13.40 an hour paid by employers.

Getting into the Cement Masons Apprenticeship

Minimum Requirements – Applicants must be 18 years of age, be physically able to do the work of the trade, have legal status to work in the U.S., and live within the Western Washington jurisdiction of Local 528.

Other Considerations – A valid driver’s license and dependable transportation are needed to get to and from jobsites. If you do not have them, you need to make a commitment to getting them upon entry into the program.

New apprentices will be given, and expected to pass, a drug test.

New apprentices must pay initiation fees to Local Union #528 upon acceptance into the program.

New apprentices are selected twice a year, in March and August. An 80 hour pre-job class is required for those accepted into the program, to be taken before apprenticeship begins. There is no charge for this class or other apprenticeship training.

The Cement Masons Apprenticeship Program admits students of any gender, race, color, national or ethnic origin. Women are encouraged to apply.

Request and return applications at:

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If you are motivated and have a sincere desire to learn the trade, we will do all we can to help you accomplish your goal!