



Watts Current

Spring 2020

Graduation

As many of you know all schools in Palm beach County have been closed due to this virus. This has shifted our last few weeks of school to be completed online, and our graduation ceremony to be postponed. We are still considering holding the graduation ceremony at a later time. We will keep you informed as we have a better timeline.

Joke of the Month

A good joke can really brighten your day. Whether at work, at home, or anywhere else, laughter keeps the day bright.

“A sweater I bought was picking up static electricity. So, I returned it to the store. They gave me another one free of charge.”

Looking for Apprentices

Every year we have potential apprentices that would like to enter the trade that have little or no experience. If you are looking for a helper that you are willing to train, please contact Debbie or Lisa at the apprenticeship office: 561-697-4893

Wage Amendment

The new wage amendment is complete and will be mailed to each of our sponsoring contractors when we send the final grades for the 2019-2020 school year. The chart below is the breakdown of the new wages determined by the average journey worker's wages recorded in the wage survey given in the fall of last year. March 1, 2020, begins the second half of the apprenticeship school year. This wage amendment reflects the minimum hourly rate that an apprentice should make according to their year in school. The Florida Department of Education standards of apprenticeship state that the wage of your apprentice per year can be more than this minimum, but cannot be less. If you haven't already done so please adjust the apprentice(s) wages to meet this schedule.

Periods	%	Rates	Periods	%	Rates
1 st 6 Months	50%	\$10.83	5 th 6 Months	70%	\$15.16
2 nd 6 Months	55%	\$11.91	6 th 6 Months	75%	\$16.25
3 rd 6 Months	60%	\$13.00	7 th 6 Months	80%	\$17.33
4 th 6 Months	65%	\$14.08	8 th 6 Months	85%	\$18.41

Fall Registration

This year we have added two new incoming first year classes, in addition to the classes we currently hold at Palm Beach State College in order to provide a greater opportunity for apprentices who want training. Our office is currently closed due to the covid19 virus, so we are not taking appointments at this time. However, if you have an employee(s) that you would like to register for the 20-21 apprenticeship school year please call the apprenticeship office or email Debbie or Lisa and we will get any necessary information we will need. When we are able to conduct appointments, we will reach out to you. Please note that when registration is open, any new incoming apprentices must apply with the apprenticeship office **by appointment only**; must have all the documentation required and be approved by their sponsoring electrical contractor as well as the IEC-FECC apprenticeship committee prior to gaining a space in class. Class space is first come first serve and an applicant will not be considered for the program until these requirements are met. We will not hold places for an applicant as we have others waiting to get in. The minimum requirements listed below this newsletter.

If you have any questions about registration or how to become a sponsoring contractor please call **561-697-4893** or email Debbie or Lisa at the apprenticeship office:

Office phone (561)-697-4893

debbiec@iec-fecc.org

lisar@iec-fecc.org

Grades

We are working diligently during this unprecedented time to finish out this school year and complete your apprentices. The final exams will be taken next week and as soon as possible we will mail out your apprentice's grades to you. Please be patient with us, as this is a challenging time for everyone.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the office, we are working remotely, but are able to receive our calls. **561-697-4893**

Minimum Registration Requirements

- Applicant must be at least 18 years of age
- Must have valid driver license or other form of government ID
- High School Diploma/GED/High School Equivalency
- Proof of residency if not a US citizen
- Applicant must be able to read and write English
- Applicant must complete the apprenticeship application
- Applicant must be able to pass a basic math test
- Must be able to perform the essential functions of the trade
- Applicant must have reliable transportation and can get to school

Now Hiring:

IEC-FECC is currently looking to hire more apprenticeship instructors as we are looking to expand our classes. Applicants must hold a current journeyman's license to be considered. If you are interested in applying, please contact IEC at

561-697-4893, or send a resume to:

debbiec@iec-fecc.org or lisar@iec-fecc.org