

# Got Experience?

# Get Direct Entry Into The Apprenticeship Program

To meet the growing demand for qualified linemen, Missouri Valley Line Constructors Apprenticeship and Training Program recently introduced a unique direct interview/direct slotting policy specifically for those lineman who have previous experience. "Simply stated, by taking work experience into consideration, we are able to accelerate the program for these applicants," comments Michael Brown, executive director of the program, who answered the some of the most frequently asked questions about the program.

- Q: How much experience does a lineman need to be eligible for the direct interview?
- A: If a potential applicant has documented 1,750 plus hours working in the outside like the construction industry, within the last five calendar years and has meet all other program entry requirements, they would be eligible for a direct interview, thus moving the applicant to the front of the interview list.
- Q: How much experience does a lineman need to be eligible for slotted placement within the Missouri Valley Apprenticeship Program?
- **A:** If a potential applicant has documented 3,500-plus hours working in the outside line construction industry, within the last five calendar years and has met all other program entry requirements, they would be eligible for direct entry into a specific step and class level in the program.
- Q: What are those requirements?
- A: In addition to the required hours of experience for the direct interview and direct slotting processes, applicants must:
  - Submit and have an approved Missouri Valley AJATC application.
  - · Achieve the required score on the NJATC aptitude test in order to proceed with the orientation course.
  - Successfully complete the Missouri Valley orientation course.
  - Must pass the climbing certification portion of the orientation course.
- Q: How high can a direct-entry application be slotted?
- A: An applicant can be slotted no higher than the fifth step into the program.
- **Q:** How many hours are needed to complete the program?
- **A:** In order to be eligible to receive a certificate of completion from the Missouri Valley AJATC, an applicant apprentice must complete 2,000 hours of on-the-job training and the required remaining coursework.

## More About The Missouri Valley Constructors Apprenticeship & Training Program:

The apprenticeship program based in Indianola, Iowa, is one of seven locations operated by the organization. The others are in the states of Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The Iowa program occupies a training facility, which includes an outdoor pole yard. The Iowa program trains thousands of apprentice linemen each year.

#### For additional information, or to schedule a visit to our training facilities, contact

Michael Brown, Executive Director at mbrown@movalleyjatc.org or call 515-961-5062.





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- Q: How will direct-entry apprentices be compensated and placed?
- A: Upon completion of orientation, a direct entry apprentice will be assigned to a contractor and placed at a pay level commensurate with their hands-on skill level and a class level commensurate with their book knowledge level.
- Q: Where can I learn more about this new program?
- A: There is more information about the direct entry slotting and class placement process and procedures on our website under THE PROGRAM. But I would encourage anyone interested in the program to contact us by calling 515-961-5062 or by contacting me directly at mbrown@movalleyjatc.org.

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