

Item #5

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APRIL 8, 2014**

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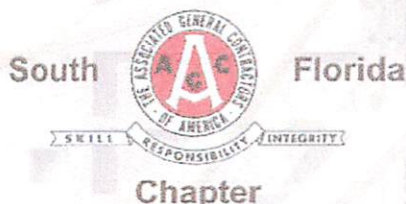
FROM: Jeff Smith
Economic Development Specialist

SUBJECT: Associated General Contractors (AGC) Apprenticeship Program

Pursuant to the County Commission's request, I had a telephone conversation with Mr. John Basianti, Director of the Apprenticeship Program for the South Florida Chapter of the AGC. Here are the facts:

- The program currently has 32 participants in one class who meet 2 times a week from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., for three years. They meet at night because the vast majority of participants are already employed in the industry.
- Students are trying to advance within the industry by either pursuing the journeyman track or the management track. 27 college credits are earned upon graduation. 4-6 will graduate this year. Those on the journeyman track will earn their journeyman card.
- The program has participants from many of the area's largest construction firms – a number of smaller firms used to participate, but did not survive the recession.
- The program is not what it used to be before the recession, but is making a comeback. It has the capacity to host up to three classes and 100 students.
- AGC may be amenable to expanding the program. Mr. Lang Mills, Vice President of the South Florida AGC, would be the contact person for any inquiries along this line.
- Attached to this document is their promotional brochure, application for admittance into the program, and career track diagram.

Your Journey to Success Begins Here



Apprenticeship Program of the Associated General Contractors

Serving the Construction
Industry in Florida

As the employer of a recent graduate of your program, I feel that he is now equipped with up to date building code knowledge, improved skills and a keen awareness for safety, which is vital to every project. I would like to thank the AGC for the training programs the organization offers to the construction community.

We proudly support the South Florida AGC Carpentry Apprenticeship's comprehensive program and recommend it to those looking to better themselves.

Roy Rodriguez
TGSV Enterprises, Inc.
Executive Vice-President



Established in Florida
in 1922

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AGC Apprenticeship Program Advantages

- 100% Free
- No Financial Burden
- No Student Loans to Repay
- No Financial Aid to Worry About
- All Graduates are Full-time Employees
- 27 College Credits Toward an Associate of Science Degree
- Department of Veteran Affairs Approved Apprenticeship Program

The construction industry is the largest industry in this nation, and contributes more to the nation's gross national product than any other industry!

Over 250,000 new skilled people will be needed in the next 5 years!

Source: National Center for Construction Education & Research

AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS (MID - UPPER LEVEL WAGES)

Architect	\$49,230 - \$88,220
Bricklayer	\$40,260 - \$61,880
Carpenter	\$31,920 - \$53,860
Electrician	\$39,790 - \$66,170
Mason	\$27,000 - \$44,000
Plumber	\$36,220 - \$63,400
Foreman/Supt.	\$43,080 - \$125,000
Project Manager	\$60,000 - \$75,068
Estimator	\$47,702
Project Engineer	\$52,201

Skilled Trade Average \$55,293

Source: BLS Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-2016 Edition, Construction Occupations, May 2008

Your Journey to Success Starts Now

Our Program

AGC has one of the best apprenticeship programs in the area. The AGC Carpentry Apprenticeship training program is designed to equip each apprentice with highly marketable skills to be the best carpenters, foremen and superintendents of tomorrow; thereby meeting the high standards of excellence that the construction industry of South Florida requires. No previous experience is necessary to become an apprentice. Apprentices work full-time and attend evening classes.

Our curriculum has been modified to be specific to the heavy construction industry. We work with real plans (not books about plans) of local buildings actually built by the superintendent who teaches the class. We have a very strong safety awareness program in which the students interact with the teachers on a nightly basis. We have eliminated the "fluff" from our carpentry textbook and spend more time on the things that really matter. We spend a considerable amount of time on math and estimating, not because our students are going to be estimators, but because it makes them smarter!

Our Instructors

Our instructors are construction superintendents, project managers and estimators with some of the best General Contractors in Florida. Most of our instructors graduated from a carpentry apprenticeship program and have completed college level classes in construction. Our instructors are also certified through Broward County Schools and are well qualified, with many years of experience in the trade. They are eager to share their knowledge and experience with you to help you, "step into your new future".

No Cost to You!

Most apprenticeship training costs are paid for through a contract with Broward County Schools and the State of Florida, thus there is no cost to the student and only minimal costs to the contractor-sponsor. The contractor-sponsor pays only \$350 per student enrolled and their book costs. Apprentices receive credit for working on the job and for related classroom training. Our program is also approved by the Department of Veteran Affairs for those veterans whom may be eligible for educational assistance while in training.

Our six-semester curriculum features the following: General Carpentry, Basic Mathematics, Plan Reading One and Two, Advanced Carpentry Techniques, Intermediate Mathematics, Plan Reading Two and Three, Basic Estimating, Principles of Leadership, Safety, and Career Motivation. Each student also receives the following training and certifications:

Training

- OSHA Scaffold Classes
- Red Cross CPR/ Emergency Training
- Asbestos Training
- Forklift & Lull Instruction
- Fire Stop Techniques
- Concrete Designs
- Roofing Systems
- Plan Review
- Plywood Properties
- Various Construction "Systems"

Certification

- OSHA 30 Hour Safety Card
- Red Cross CPR/ Emergency Certification
- Hilti DX Card
- Apprenticeship State Certification from the Florida Department of Education
- Journeyman Card

Earn While You Learn with the Best

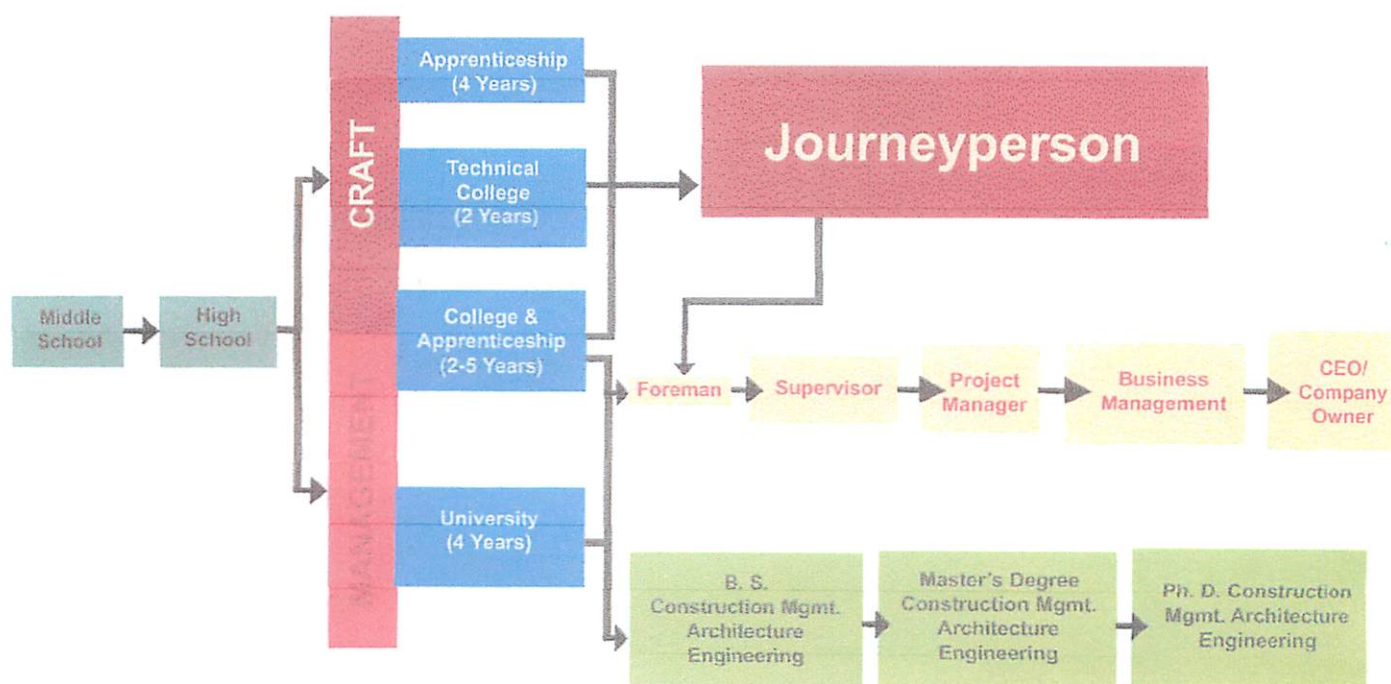
As an apprentice, you will be employed by a contractor and assigned to a journeyman carpenter who will help train and mentor you. We provide training that leads to high-level skills and high wage jobs. While in training, an apprentice can expect to earn up to \$16.00 per hour, which continues to increase with experience. Our training program will help you move up the ladder quickly, while enhancing your opportunity for a leadership role in the construction industry.

How Much Money Can A Carpenter Make?

The average annual income ranges from \$31,920 to over \$53,960. Students who complete the apprenticeship training move up the ladder faster than any other group by becoming lead carpenters, foremen and superintendents with salaries ranging from \$75,000 to \$125,000 per year in some areas. After graduation, many have gone on to start their own business with the potential for limitless income. **According to the Florida Department of Education, on average students who complete the apprenticeship training make more than college graduates with Associates and Bachelors degrees. Only those with Master's and Doctorate degrees can earn more. That's success!**

Construction is one of the largest industries in the United States, and the need for trained workers has never been greater. AGC's Carpentry Apprenticeship program opens doors to opportunities. Enroll today and begin your *Journey to Success*.

Pathways to Success



Step Into Your New Future



Journeyman Carpenter Apprenticeship Training Application

SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER

APPLICATION DIRECTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM: Please print and use legal names. Please complete each item. Every item on the application is required. Must be 18 years of age or older, legally permitted to work in the U.S. and physically fit for the trade. (Submit copy of personal ID with application)

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		M.I.	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	
ADDRESS		APT.	CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE
TELEPHONE NUMBER			EMERGENCY CONTACT			
HOME () - - - - -			NAME			
WORK () - - - - -			PHONE () - - - - -			
EMAIL:						
DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)		COUNTRY OF ORIGIN		CITIZENSHIP (Please indicate your citizenship)		
- - / - - / - - - -				<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Resident Alien (A) <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen (C)		
				<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident Alien (P) <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
GENDER		RACE: Which of the following best describes your ethnic background? (Check one)				
<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE		<input type="checkbox"/> White - Not Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Black - Not Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic - Any Race				
		<input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-racial				
MILITARY SERVICE			EDUCATION		Can you communicate in English?	
Are you a U.S. Armed Forces veteran? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Highest grade completed:			
Branch of service: _____						
Length of service: _____						
RESIDENCE (Check one) Are you:						
<input type="checkbox"/> A High School student living in Broward County? <input type="checkbox"/> A High School student living outside Broward County?						
<input type="checkbox"/> An Adult student living in Florida? <input type="checkbox"/> An Adult student living outside Florida?						
CURRENT EMPLOYER						
Supervisor's Name _____ Company _____						
Address _____ City, State & Zip _____						
Phone () - - - - - Cell () - - - - -						
Fax () - - - - - Email _____						
Please tell us how you first heard of this program. (Check all that apply)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Web <input type="checkbox"/> Employer <input type="checkbox"/> Program Brochure <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Mailing						
<input type="checkbox"/> Recruiter <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Student						

I hereby certify that all of the information on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I meet the requirements for admission to this program and agree to uphold the standards of the Associated General Contractors - Skill, Responsibility and Integrity.

Signature _____

Date _____

All classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays
from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Classes held at:
Hallandale Adult Community Center
1000 S. W. 3rd Street, Hallandale (Near I-95)

Form date: September 7, 2004