

Local 344

UNITED ASSOCIATION OF JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES
OF THE PLUMBING AND PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY

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To All Members of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

UA Scholarship Fund Information

The United Association Scholarship Trust Fund is now accepting applications for the 2016-2017 academic year scholarship awards. The fund benefits UA members and their dependants. The eligibility requirements, application and detailed instructions can be downloaded at www.ua.org. The deadline for submitting applications is June 15, 2016.

11th Annual Golf Tournament

The 11th Annual Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 344 Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, July 9, 2016 at Lincoln Park Golf Course East, 4001 NE Grand Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73111. Registration forms will be enclosed with the May newsletter.

Mechanical and Plumbing Licenses

All members are required to maintain a current Mechanical or Plumbing License to work on projects in our jurisdiction. Article 1.16 of the Master Union Agreement states it is the employee's responsibility to maintain all required licenses. Every License is good for one year. Please double check your expiration date.

PLUMBERS AND PIPEFITTERS APPRENTICESHIP

Applications will be available at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Training Center (5315 S. Shartel, Oklahoma City) between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Friday. Applications may be obtained in person, by mail, fax, e-mail or requested from the web site (www.plumbersandpipefitters.com). The applicant must return the application, with required documents, before the deadline for the next interview session in order to be considered.

Qualifications are as follows: Minimum **18** years of age prior to being accepted into the Program; must be a high school graduate or have a GED and provide **transcript**.

We anticipate accepting 10 to 15 apprentices this year. Applicants will be selected based on highest qualifications without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin. The P.H.C.C. Contractors, party to the Plumbers and Pipefitters J.A.T.C. Agreement, are Equal Opportunity Employers.

Wage Rates

1st Year - \$15.27	4th Year - \$19.85
2nd Year - \$16.79	5th Year - \$22.90
3rd Year - \$18.32	Journeyman - \$30.53

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"Unionism has helped to give to everyone who toils the position of dignity which is his due"

Mechanical Code Update (CEU) Course

The Local 344 Training Center has scheduled a Mechanical Code Update class for the evenings of **May 5th and May 10th** (3 hours each night). Oklahoma state law requires that you take a 6-hour continuing education course every three years in order to renew your state mechanical license. We encourage you to take advantage of these classes so you don't have to pay a fee to take the course through another source.

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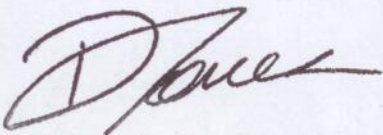
The Local 344 Training Center has scheduled a Plumbing Code Update class for the evenings of **May 2nd and May 4th** (3 hours each night). Oklahoma state law requires that you take a 6-hour continuing education course every three years in order to renew your state Plumbing license. We encourage you to take advantage of these classes so you don't have to pay a fee to take the course through another source.

NOTE: If you are interested in participating in the above-mentioned classes (or any other ongoing or upcoming classes), please contact the Local 344 Training Center (405-632-5629) or go to the website at www.plumbersandpipefitters.com (UserID: 344member, Password: local344jafc) to complete an application online at your earliest convenience. The necessary **paperwork must be completed** prior to the first class meeting in order to ensure that all necessary materials are available.

2016 Apprentice Contest

Thirteen apprentices competed in this year's Apprentice Contest held March 24 and 26 at the Local 344 Training Center. The winners were Will Gise (Pipefitter Category), Doug Statler (Plumber Category), and Charles Stalsworth (Welder Category). These gentlemen will compete in the State Contest to be held at the Local 344 Training Center Saturday, April 30. The winners of the State Contest will travel to New Orleans to compete in the United Association District 3 Contest in June.

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