

OPERATING ENGINEERS & MECHANICS

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA OPERATING ENGINEERS JOINT APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING PROGRAM

TIMELINE FOR SPRING 2026 CLASS Application Deadline is December 31, 2025.

Testing and interviews will be in January & February 2026.

Selection will be Mid-March, and Training begins in April, May, & June 2026.

HOW TO APPLY Applications online at wpaoperators.org.

APPLICANT SELECTION Selection is based on the needs within the region of western PA and eastern Ohio. Candidates will be selected by an independent organization or appointed panel using job-related selection testing and interview. These programs offer an excellent training opportunity, they do not guarantee full employment. Employment is assigned by the Union as provided for in the collective bargaining agreements.

Qualification Requirements of the Program include:

1. Be at least 18 at the time of acceptance into the Program.
2. Reside in one of the 33 counties of western Pennsylvania or Columbiana, Mahoning or Trumbull counties in Ohio for a minimum of 6 months.
(visit wpaoperators.org for a list of counties)
3. Have a high school diploma or GED.
4. Have a valid Pennsylvania or Ohio driver's license and dependable transportation.
5. Submit a non-refundable fee of \$50 with each application.
6. Pass a DOT physical exam and drug test.



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