



THE SCHOLARSHIP

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AWARD DISTRIBUTION

One of four installments of \$250 each will be posted to the grantee's account to offset regular program training costs for Electrical Level 1. Regular program training costs per county are listed at www.swetc.org. Students must maintain a good standing with the SouthWest Electrical Training Center, and maintain a GPA of 2.0 for continued award installments for Electrical Levels 2 – 4. Students need not reapply each semester.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete the application with required signatures and mail it to the SouthWest Electrical Training Center at one of our two offices:

Phoenix:
P.O. Box 62902
Phoenix, AZ 85082-2902

Sierra Vista:
P.O. Box 1525
Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1525

APPLICATION DUE DATE

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, May 12, 2006.

COLLEGE CLASSES START

Community college-based courses will start soon after high school graduation. Please check the *Registration Page* at www.swetc.org for class times and dates for the Electrical Level 1 program in your county.

ABOUT US

The SouthWest Electrical Training Center, L.L.C. is an open-shop (merit shop) training provider, servicing the residential construction, commercial construction and building maintenance industry. Our unique approach to craft training, apprenticeship training and internship training programs blends construction and maintenance training, "soft-skills" training and leadership training. We utilize instructor-based and computer/internet-based training media.

- The SouthWest Electrical Training Center is an approved education provider, listed on the Arizona Department of Education "Arizona HEAT" (Helping Everyone Access Training) web site.
- We are an approved sponsor of registered apprenticeship programs with the State of Arizona Commerce Department, and the United States Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship Training, Employer and Labor Services (ATELS).
- We have been approved for veterans' benefits.
- The SouthWest Electrical Training Center is proud to be accredited by the National Center for Construction, Education and Research (NCCER).
- College credited courses are offered through the community college.

**For More Information,
Visit: www.swetc.org**



Why should I consider a career in the electrical construction industry?

Lots of great reasons:

- Construction is the largest industry in the country – larger than steel and automobile combined. Just look around you, construction is a part of nearly everything you see, touch and do. Your home, school, mall, grocery store ... the Empire State Building, Chase Field, Hoover Dam, Sears Tower, the Golden Gate Bridge, Windsor Castle, the Capitol building in Washington, the Taj Mahal, the Eiffel tower ... Construction is huge!
- Our industry needs 240,000 craft workers every year to keep up with all the construction projects nationwide. Well-trained electricians are needed everywhere — even in your city!
- There are lots of options and opportunities. Because our industry is so large it is also very diverse. Here are just a few professions – all within the electrical industry: Apprentice Electrician, Journey Level Electrician, Master Electrician, Foreman/Supervisor, Project Estimator, Project Manager, Electrical Engineer, and Electrical Contractor Ownership.
- The construction industry is constantly developing ways to use technology to produce a better product. Much of our work requires computers, lasers and other technological mechanisms. The SouthWest Electrical Training Center will offer the latest technology updates for the industry.
- Pride. This is one profession where you can see the results of your efforts. There is an immense feeling of pride knowing that you contributed to the construction of a skyscraper, bridge, highway, hospital or church.

What kind of people is the construction industry looking for?

Highly-motivated, responsible individuals with a desire to learn and work. People who take their futures and careers seriously and are looking for challenging work with substantial rewards. People who want to build a successful career that allows them to provide for a family, live in a safe community and enjoy the good things in life.

What kind of salary can I expect as an electrical apprentice or journey-level electrician?

The income potential in the electrical industry is unlimited. Beginning electrical apprentices in Arizona can make between \$17,500 and \$37,500 during their apprenticeship. Graduate students can earn more. As you advance in your electrical career, the sky is the limit!

What training/education do I need?

You can begin electrical craft training by taking classes through the SouthWest Electrical Training Center. All types of courses are offered, including safety, mathematics, “soft-skills” and leadership skills. The good news is that while you are learning – you can be earning – by working with companies that value your education and career goals. The more training you get, the more marketable you will be, and the more money you will make!

What is the career path in the construction industry?

Once you have entered the construction work force and obtained some experience and additional training, you can advance to a supervisor/foreman position, and then on to a management position such as project manager or estimator. Many individuals who begin as craft people can progress to upper level management positions, such as vice president or they can own their own construction company. The sky is the limit for skilled individuals who are motivated and responsible.

Can I work year round?

Yes! Construction is not a seasonal business. In colder climates, systems have been developed to enable construction work to proceed even when the temperature drops and the snow falls. And, remember, the inside of a building has to be built too. The walls have to be framed, dry walled and painted, the electricity and plumbing have to be installed and we can't forget the floors.

Are there travel/relocation opportunities?

There are all kinds of opportunities! Contractors generally have several construction projects going at the same time. As projects are completed, new ones are begun. Many contractors build in several states and many also build in different countries. And if you are not interested in travel, construction can still be your field. When large industrial facilities are built – power plants, water treatment facilities, dams, for example – highly-skilled craft people are needed at the facility to make sure everything continues to run smoothly.

How do I start?

Talk to your parents, teachers and guidance counselors. Register in your school's construction program, and work hard to do well. Ask your school to contact the SouthWest Electrical Training Center to set up a pre-apprenticeship program at your school. Get involved in a summer work-study program. If you already have your high school diploma, you can begin training right now! Register for classes today and get a jump-start on learning the electrical trade.

The SouthWest Electrical Training Center will assist you in finding employment with an electrical contractor in your area.

Can I start training in one electrical area and change to another?

You bet! All students of the SouthWest Electrical Training Center start out in Electrical Level 1. This introductory term gives students an opportunity to learn more about the electrical industry. Students will choose the Residential, Commercial or Industrial track, beginning the second term. Our programs are structured to allow students to transfer from one program to the next.

Will I be safe?

You are as safe as you want to be. It's just like everything you do in life. There are lots of safety rules and equipment to keep you safe in construction – hard hats, fall protection equipment, steel-toed boots, etc. But if you ignore the rules and don't use the equipment, you won't be safe. The SouthWest Electrical Training Center offers the Electrical Safety Training Program and reviews safety practices during each semester.

What opportunities are there for females and minorities?

The same opportunities which exist for everybody. The bottom line is that the construction industry needs motivated, responsible and talented individuals. It doesn't matter what gender or ethnic background you represent.

How many construction business owners started as craft people?

Lots! Estimates are that 30 percent of apprentices move on to own their own companies. The construction industry presents fantastic business opportunities for entrepreneurs.

For Parents

As a parent or guardian, you are interested in helping your son or daughter identify the skills and educational opportunities that are required for a career in the electrical industry.

Affordable training programs and free job referral assistance is offered through the SouthWest Electrical Training Center. We encourage you to compare our tuition fees with other electrical training programs in your area.

Once your son or daughter becomes an apprentice electrician, they will work for an electrical contractor who will assist them in their career goals. Apprentices get paid while they learn their trade. Where else can one receive an education and get paid at the same time?



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Please detach this page and return this application to either one of the following addresses:

For Residents of Maricopa County:

SouthWest Electrical Training Center
 P.O. Box 62902
 Phoenix, Arizona 85082-2902

For Residents of Cochise County:

SouthWest Electrical Training Center
 P.O. Box 1525
 Sierra Vista, Arizona 85636-1525

Section 1 – Personal Information (PLEASE PRINT)

Applicant Name						
	(Last)	(First)	(M.I.)			
Home Address						
City		State		ZIP		Date of Birth / / 19
Home Phone	()			Cell Phone	()	

Section 2a – Current Education

High School						
Address					Last Year Completed	9 10 11 12
City		State		ZIP		Expected Year of Graduation

Section 2b – Prior Career/Technical Courses and/or Building Trade Courses

School Name (if different than above)	Course Title	Year Completed

Section 2c – Math/Science Courses

School Name (if different than above)	Course Title	Year Completed

Teacher's Signature	
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Section 3 – Employment History (please attach a current résumé)

Name of Employer (company)	Job Title/Duties	Dates (from – to)

Section 4 – Employment Opportunities

Would you be interested in summer and/or permanent employment with a local electrical contractor? Y N

Section 5 – Parental (or Guardian) Approval

Parental approval is required unless the scholarship applicant is at least 18 years of age (which must be verified). If under 18, the signature of a parent or guardian verifies that the scholarship applicant has permission to attend the Southwest Electric Training Center with the understanding that receipt of the \$1,000 scholarship is based upon funding limitations and the number of applications received. No student is guaranteed receipt of the scholarship. Any offer and/or acceptance of employment as a result of training with the Southwest Electrical Training Center is between the student and the contractor. No student is guaranteed employment.

Parent Name (Please Print)		Phone	()
Parent Signature		Date	

Section 6 – Student Agreement

Please briefly describe below, why you wish to become an electrician and why you believe that you should be awarded a \$1,000 Electrical Training Scholarship.

Signature of student below verifies that all the information provided is accurate and honest and that the student desires to be considered for a \$1,000 Electrical Training Scholarship. Student further accepts that any award granted is not a guarantee of summer or permanent employment and that any offer and or/or acceptance of employment is strictly between the student and the respective participating contractor(s).

Student Signature		Date	
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