LOCAL 51
PLUMBING, PIPEFITTING AND HVAC INDUSTRY

The Rhode Island Interscholastic League is pleased to announce its continued partnership with UA Local 51, the trade union for plumbers, pipefitters and refrigeration technicians in Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts. Through this relationship, the RIIL promotes opportunities within Local 51 to students from its member schools across the state.

RIIL | TRADES SCHOLARSHIP

As part of its partnership with the RIIL, Local 51 will provide a $500 trade scholarship to one graduating senior interested in pursuing a career in the trades industry.

Click HERE for the 2026-27 Scholarship Application

PAST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2022
Michael Etchells, *Narragansett H.S.*
2023
Kyle Joyal, *Coventry High School*
2024
Brady Toner, *Rogers High School*
2025
Seth Aguiar, *Tiverton High School*
2026
Anthony Estrada, *Cranston H.S. East*

- Learn more about Local 51 at: https://ualocal51.com/
- Click **HERE** to learn more about the Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 51 Apprenticeship Training Program.
    - The application period for the 2026-2027 school year has ended. The next application period will be March 1-12, 2027. Information available on the Local 51 website.

LOCAL 51 FIRST YEAR PLUMBER, PIPEFITTER & HVAC APPRENTICES MAKE OVER $21/HOUR WITH AN ADDITIONAL HOURLY BENEFIT PACKAGE!

OUR TRAINING FACILITY

In 2002 Local 51 opened the nations premier union training facility in East Providence, RI for Plumbers, Pipefitters and Refrigeration Technicians. The 20,400 square foot facility boasts 28 individual welding stations, residential and commercial building mock-ups for plumbing training, and a 60-ton refrigeration chiller that provides hands on experience before apprentices begin work on the job. Local 51 also has a training facility located in Lakeville, MA.

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Local 51 Plumbers, Pipefitters & Refrigeration Technicians are involved in just about every aspect of construction in Rhode Island, Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands involving piping in commercial, industrial and residential projects.

UA LOCAL 51

PLUMBERS
PIPEFITTERS
REFRIGERATION TECHNICIANS

TRAINING COORDINATOR
Steve Affonso

JOINT APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING COMMITTEE
John Puniello, Chairman
Paul Alvarez, Co-Chairman
John McMullen
Jeffrey Potter
Frank Raposa, Jr.
Bruce Baker
John Sanna
Jim O'Keefe

PLUMBING

Local 51 Plumbers install and repair the water, waste disposal, drainage and gas systems in commercial and industrial buildings as well as in homes across Mass & Rhode Island. Local 51 Plumbers strictly adhere to local, state and national plumbing codes ensuring that each project is completed in uniform fashion.

Local 51 Journeyperson Plumbers are experts in a variety of areas including: Municipal Water Treatment Plants, Commercial Waste Water Treatment Facilities, Back-flow Prevention & Industrial Safeguards, Medical Gas Installation and Commercial & Residential Plumbing.

PIPEFITTING

Local 51 Pipefitters are the best in the business when it comes to the installation and repair of all pressure pipe systems that are used in manufacturing, in the generation of electricity and in the heating and cooling of buildings. They also install automatic controls that are increasingly being used to regulate these systems. Additional instruction is required to receive certification in the various welding disciplines.

Local 51 Journeyperson Pipefitters are experts in a number of areas including: Fossil Fuel, Power Generation Piping, Nuclear Power Generation Piping, Welding: Heliarc, Mechanical, Orbital and Shielded Metal Arc.

APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION

The Local 51 Joint Apprentice Training Program is comprised of classroom and hands on training over a 5 year period. Apprentices graduate with 1,230 classroom hours and 10,000 on-the-job hours, as well as the required trade certifications.

Classes are 2-3 nights a week, Monday through Friday from 5 PM to 9 PM, running September – May. Job placement with Union Contractors will be set up once a position becomes available.

The Local 51 Training program is an accredited school in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The training department will register you as an Apprentice in RI and MA, leading to eventual dual Journeyperson licensing in both states.

Local 51 prides itself on holding highest standards of excellence, our dedication to the education of our members is our highest priority. Local 51 offers continuing education after graduation, as well as the ability to re-indenture for a second trade after receiving your first Journeyperson license.

APPLICATIONS OFFERED ONLINE EVERY MARCH

REFRIGERATION

Local 51 Refrigeration Technicians have the skills, expertise and dedication to fix any problem that arises in the buildings where we live, work and play. We provide the skills for our members to be able to prevent mishaps, and breakdowns through regular, scheduled maintenance on heating, air condition & ventilating, and refrigeration.

We also provide instruction that enables us to work on the unique systems found in highly specialized facilities such as clean rooms, pharmaceutical plants, food processing plants, ammonia systems, precision manufacturing facilities and computer data centers.

UNION BENEFITS

HEALTH INSURANCE Health, Eye & Dental

PENSION A fund into which a sum of money is added during an employee's employment years and from which payments are drawn to support the person's retirement from work.

ANNUITY Union annuities are established under contracts negotiated with employers. Employers make tax-exempt contributions on behalf of the workers. Employees do not make contributions.

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