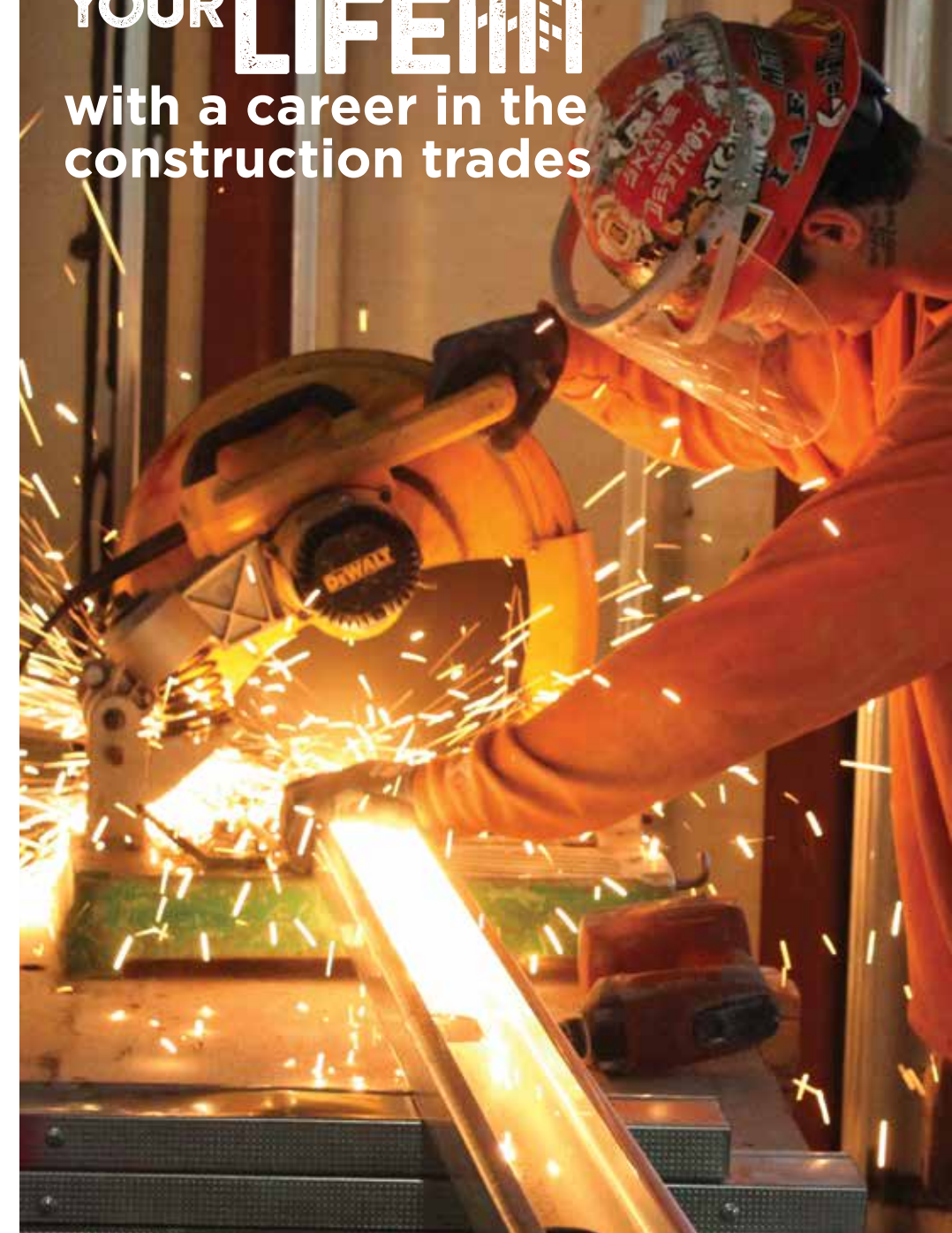









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CARPENTER

Carpenters work on almost any construction site imaginable, including new construction and remodeling, such as single- and multi-family homes; condominium and apartment projects; office towers, corporate and industrial buildings; new and remodeled hospitals, malls, stores and offices; and public projects such as stadiums, arenas, roads, bridges, schools and university buildings.

Carpenters are some of the first workers on a jobsite, and some of the last to leave. They assist in site preparation; build concrete forms and decks; frame walls and roofs; hang interior and exterior walls; install windows, doors, acoustical ceilings, cabinetry, countertops and trim; and install locks, hardware and specialty furniture.

Work can be indoors or outdoors and is physically demanding. You will work in extreme temperatures, both hot and cold. Layoffs happen at some point in the career of almost every carpenter, so networking and building relationships is important.

Carpenters typically work in five general areas, including wood framing, interior systems, concrete form work, exterior finish and interior finish.

Carpenters must also learn other vital skills, including First Aid and OSHA training; scaffolding; blueprint reading; using a transit, level and laser; operating equipment such as fork lifts and aerial lifts; and setting up conventions and other interior displays.

FLOOR COVERER

Floor coverers are responsible for installing all types of flooring materials, including carpet, laminates and vinyl, wood and sports surfaces. Floor coverers estimate materials and understand pattern layouts. They also know the safe and proper use of many types of tools, adhesives and fastening systems. Most floor covering work is performed indoors.

MILLWRIGHT

Millwrights install, maintain, diagnose and repair industrial machines. Work is done on compressors, pumps, conveyors, extruders, power generation and mining equipment using both hand tools and power tools, including welding equipment.

Millwrights need strong math, geometry, mechanical and welding skills. If you like working with machines, tools and precision instruments, becoming a millwright might be the career path for you.



PILE DRIVER

Pile drivers drive, install, repair and remove the deep piles, foundations, steel sheeting and shoring upon which buildings, bridges, docks and more depend. They create retaining walls that hold back dirt and water for bridge construction, tunnels and bulkheads. Pile drivers direct large, crane-like machines that drive or drill metal, concrete or wood piling into the ground. They frequently weld and cut large metal beams and sheeting. Pile drivers are typically the first ones on a construction site and may be required to work nights or weekends on projects such as roadways and bridges. Work is almost always outdoors and is physically demanding.

WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Apprentices study their trade both in the classroom and on the job. In most cases, an apprenticeship lasts four years before you earn journey-level status. Our training is free and you earn while you learn!

WHERE DO I START?

Your first step is to go to www.getbetterwages.org and fill out an inquiry form. From there, a union representative will contact you to determine your experience, talk to you about our apprenticeship program and attempt to help you find a contractor to sponsor you into the union.

WHAT DO I NEED?

Hardhat, safety glasses, durable clothing (jeans, t-shirts, hoodies), and steel-toed boots are items typically worn on a jobsite. Safety vests, gloves and hearing protection are also standard construction gear.

You will need reliable transportation, a high school diploma or G.E.D., a good attitude and the ability to pass a drug test.

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