## HOIST IT. ALIGN IT. CALIBRATE IT. BULDYOUR CAREER AS A PROFESSIONAL MILLWRIGHT



if you knew of a way to make good money and get great fringe benefits, have the ability to work all over the country—or stay close to home? How about having access to a network that helps locate work with you? Would you jump on it?

## Get ready to leap.

Union millwrights are the rock stars of the construction industry. They are an elite group of industrial mechanics whose skills are unmatched by any other construction worker. Millwrights work in every industrial field imaginable: Energy, Chemical, Paper Mills, Steel Mills, Auto Plants—virtually any other manufacturing plant. Basically—we keep the power on and industries moving.

Millwrights are in so much demand throughout the region, that they are making good money and work is plentiful. In fact, union millwrights are needed in Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

## What does a millwright do?

Millwrights install, maintain, diagnose and repair industrial machines that usually cost millions of dollars. Work is done on compressors, pumps, conveyors, monorails, extruders, turbines, and mining equipment using hand and power tools, including welding equipment. Millwrights may adjust a machine's calibration just the width of a human hair and increase that machine's productivity by 20 percent.

What are the hours? Millwrights can work anywhere from 8-hours a day/5 days a week, up to 12-hours a day/ 7 days a week depending on our customers' needs. To make sure you are paid fairly for your skills, your wages, benefits and overtime pay are negotiated and set, so you know what you are earning every hour on the job.

What are the working conditions? Working conditions aren't always pretty and they may be inside or outside, clean or dirty, wet or dry, or hot or cold. It's a physical job. Lifting, pushing, pulling, and bending is common. Hardhats, safety glasses, durable clothing, and safety shoes are the typical items a millwright wears on a job site.

**How's the Pay?** Millwrights are members of the Southern States Millwright Regional Council. From the first hour on the job you'll work for a union contractor, under the protection of a union contract, which establishes the wages, benefits and working conditions. This ensures that you are paid a fair wage for the work you do. You also get regular raises, usually every six months if you apply yourself, until you reach the full journeyman scale at the end of the apprenticeship program. And, there's a lot of room for advancement in this trade.

What is an apprentice? An apprentice is a person in the process of becoming a skilled millwright via training and experience. Apprentices study in the classroom at a local training center and on actual job sites under the guidance of a skilled veteran, called a "journeyman." Usually, an apprenticeship takes four years to complete. When you graduate, you become accredited from the United States Department of Labor, confirming your status as a journeyman millwright.

## Does my high school coursework matter?

You can get a head start by taking classes in mathematics, drafting, auto mechanics, industrial arts, CAD, and enrolling in industrial shop.

- **How do I get started?** Your first step is entering an apprenticeship program. Five ways to do that:
- **1. Scan this QR code** to find a training center near you
- 2. Visit this web site: www.professionalmillwright.com
- 3. Call this number: 479-967-0639
- 4. E-mail us: dcdonahou@ssmrc4070.org
- 5. Mail in the reply card on this brochure
  - Earn while you learn: Apprentices earn a good wage
  - **Graduate debt-free:** No school loans or tuition to pay back when your apprenticeship ends
  - Increase Your Pay: Progress through the program and increase your income as you apply yourself
  - **Collect Benefits:** Health and retirement benefits start with your apprenticeship, for you and your family
  - Seriously. Make the jump.

