

## APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING OFFICE

1969 Triad Road  
St. Jacob, IL 62281  
(618) 644-1969

Equal Opportunity Employer.

Operating Engineers Local 520 will not discriminate against apprenticeship applicants or apprentices based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, genetic information, or because they are an individual with a disability or a person 40 years old or older.

## OPERATING ENGINEER TRADE

- ❖ **Job Outlook:** Good
- ❖ **Average Earnings:** \$37.30/hr. + \$33.25/hr. benefits.  
*First Year Apprentice:* 50% of hourly wage and full benefits
- ❖ **What they do:** Operating Engineers operate, maintain, and repair heavy equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers and backhoes. They build roads, dig tunnels, prepare building sites, and lay water lines. In emergencies, Operating Engineers remove snow and help utility companies restore power.
- ❖ **Working Conditions:** They work outdoors in all types of weather. Safety is a big factor when using heavy equipment. Working in different locations is required. Day and night shift work.



### Contact Information:

Operating Engineers Local 520 J.A.T.C.  
618-644-1969

Rusty Redman – Administrative Manager  
Summer Snow – Secretary

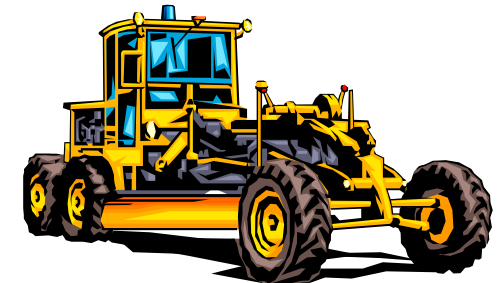
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## RELATED EDUCATION COURSES

If interested in becoming an Operating Engineer you should try and take some of the following related courses while in school. These courses will help you increase your chances of selection.

- ❖ Mechanics
- ❖ Machine/Metal Shop
- ❖ Welding
- ❖ Electronics



## PROGRAM INFORMATION

- ❖ Governed by the United States Department of Labor
- ❖ Approved education program for the Department of Veteran's Affairs
- ❖ 4 year program
- ❖ Wage increases according to hours worked and qualifications.
- ❖ Classroom, Field, and On – the – job training.
- ❖ Classroom & Field training are unpaid.



## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

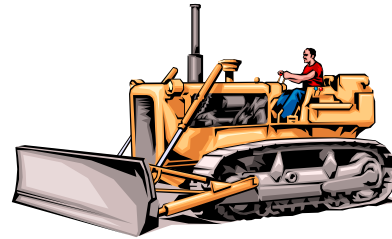
**Age:** All applicants must be at least 18 years of age, proof of age is required.

**Residence:** All applicants must be a resident of the following Illinois counties: Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Fayette, Green, Jefferson, Jersey, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry, Randolph, St. Clair, Washington.

**Physical Ability:** All applicants must have the necessary physical ability to do the manual work of the trade. All applicants must pass a physical examination and drug screening by a licensed facility, after selection and prior to placement on the job.

**Documentation:** Applicants must possess a valid Illinois driver's license and transportation. Applicants must furnish legible copies of the following: Birth certificate, valid Illinois driver's license, school transcripts, and two character references.

**Education:** A high school diploma or G.E.D. certification are required.



## APPLICATIONS

- ❖ **No application fee.**
- ❖ **Application is valid for two years.**
- ❖ **Applications must be taken in person.**
- ❖ **You must have your valid Illinois driver's license with you on Evaluation Test Request day.**

### WHEN???

- All Evaluation Test request dates will be advertised at least 30 days prior to the first day.
- You **MUST** be here on that specific day and time in order to apply.  
**NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

### WHAT TIME???

- 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. each request day.

### WHERE???

- Test requests will be taken at the Local 520 JATC: 1969 Triad Road, St. Jacob, IL 62281.

## SELECTION PROCESS

1. **Requests for Written Evaluation Test** – Dates will be advertised 30 days prior to the first request day.
2. **Written Evaluation Test** – Candidates must receive a passing score to continue to the interview.
3. **Interview** – Approximately 3 weeks following the test day, eligible applicants are required to return for a 15 – 20 minute interview and submit required documents.
4. **3 – Day Evaluation** – Applicants who qualify are selected in ranking order from highest to lowest composite score to participate in the 3 – day evaluation. The evaluation is done on an **as needed basis.**
5. **Final Board Interview** - Apprentices are accepted in ranking order from highest to lowest total score to attend a final interview with the JATC Board. Apprentices are accepted on an individual basis based on work outlook.

**Anytime you miss a step in the process your application will be dropped.**

