



Frequently Asked Questions 2021 HVACR & Plumbing Apprentice Contests

Q: Where are the competitions?

A: The competitions will be held in conjunction with PHCC's CONNECT 2021. This year's convention will be held at the Kansas City Convention Center, Kansas City, MO. The Contests will take place in Bartle Exhibit Hall A.

Q: When do apprentices need to arrive and how long will they be away?

A: All apprentices need to be on site for orientation that starts on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at 4:30 PM. Winners will be announced at the Awards Luncheon on Friday, October 22. Contestants may leave after the luncheon ends. It is recommended that departure flights on Friday should be no earlier than 3:30 PM.

Q: How do we register an apprentice for a competition?

A: The apprentices at the national competition are typically winners of state level events. To ensure that these state and local winners have a spot to compete, all contestants must be endorsed/certified by a PHCC Local/State Chapter or the United Association to be able to register.

Completing a registration form and providing payment does not a guarantee a spot in the competition. All registrations must be verified by Foundation staff before they are confirmed.

Q: How much does it cost for an apprentice to register for a competition?

A: Registrants will be invoiced \$295 per apprentice, in early June. Thanks to our generous sponsors, verified contestants will receive some assistance in covering travel and hotel costs.

Q: What tools will apprentices need to bring?

A: A draft list of required tools can be found on the Foundation contests web page. A final list will be distributed to contestants in advance of the event. It will be the responsibility of the contestants to get their tools to Kansas City. Please be mindful of restrictions on lithium-ion batteries in airline travel bags for tools.

Q: What flight arrangements do contestants need to make?

A: Contestants may fly into Kansas City International Airport. Please work with your employer and/or state PHCC association to coordinate flights for arrival in plenty of time for orientation on Tuesday evening and departure on Friday at 3:30 PM or later.

Q: What hotel will we be using?

A: Kansas City Marriot, Downtown, 200 W 12th St, Kansas City, MO 64105, (816) 421-6800

Q: What hotel arrangements need to be made?

A: PHCC will secure a room block at the hotel; but **it is the responsibility of the apprentice and/or his/her sponsor to secure room reservations for the event.** Your hotel reservations should guarantee a Tuesday, October 19th arrival, through Friday, October 22nd check-out.

Please note: All apprentices must present a credit card at check-in to cover any incidentals charged to their room.

Q: How do the travel sponsorships work?

A: Each contestant is assigned a corporate sponsor. These corporate sponsorships allow us to provide a flat-rate reimbursement for travel expenses payable either to the apprentice's employer or state association, depending on which entity is covering his/her expenses. Contestants are assigned a sponsor by the PHCC Educational Foundation in August.

The flat-rate reimbursement for 2021 of \$1,450 is designed to assist with airfare, ground transportation, hotel, meals not covered during the event, and baggage/shipping rates for baggage and tools. Local/commuting contestants will not receive a flat rate reimbursement, and any reimbursement request will require submission of receipts for any expense incurred (eg. Parking, tolls, etc.).

Q: Does the sponsorship cover guests?

A: No. Sponsorships include contestant expenses only.

Q: Who is eligible for the complimentary guest registration?

A: Each apprentice will receive a complimentary guest registration for PHCC events in Kansas City, MO. The guest may be any non-contractor individual. It is intended to be registration for an apprentice's spouse/significant other. Guest airfare/travel costs and any additional hotel costs are the responsibility of the guest.

Additional information and orientation information will be distributed to all confirmed contestants in advance of the contests.