

Washington
STATE FAIR
EVENT CENTER

PLUMBER HELPER/TRADES LABORER

The Washington State Fair Event Center (WSFEC) is hiring a Plumber Helper/Trades Laborer to support the Operations team with plumbing, maintenance, and general labor tasks across the Washington State Fair Event Center campus. This role is ideal for someone looking to build hands-on experience in plumbing and skilled trades while working alongside experienced tradespeople in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment.

The position assists with plumbing repairs, basic installation projects, grounds maintenance, and event setup and teardown. Training and guidance are provided, and the role offers opportunities to develop trade skills while contributing to the successful operation of a large public venue. Other duties as assigned, which may be outside the above scope of work to support the organization's goals and objectives.

ESSENTIAL JOB DUTIES

- Assist with installing, maintaining, and repairing plumbing systems such as pipes, drains, fixtures, valves, hydrants, and sewer lines.
- Help repair plumbing fixtures and equipment by replacing parts, threading or bending pipe, and testing systems under the direction of licensed staff.
- Support plumbing work for new buildings, facility upgrades, and remodel projects.
- Assist with inspecting plumbing systems to identify maintenance or repair needs.
- Help dig trenches and prepare job sites for plumbing and underground utility work.
- Assist with installing underground utilities, including water and sewer lines, and help backfill and prepare areas for paving.
- Help drain and winterize unheated buildings and systems.
- Support emergency plumbing responses when needed.
- Assist with testing and maintaining irrigation systems, wells, backflow assemblies, and fire sprinkler systems.
- Help prepare buildings and work areas for special events with unique utility needs.
- Assist with asphalt patching, site cleanup, and repair of trip hazards.
- Participate in setting up and teardown for fairs, shows, and events throughout the season.
- Perform general grounds maintenance, including cleaning, maintaining parking areas, roads, fences, tents, and tarps.
- Assist other trades and operations staff (plumbers, electricians, carpenters, painters, etc.) as needed.
- Follow all safety procedures and properly use tools and personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Perform other duties as assigned in support of facility and event operations.

IDEAL QUALIFICATIONS

- High school diploma or equivalent required.
- Trade school coursework, apprenticeship enrollment, or prior maintenance experience preferred but not required.
- Entry-level candidates with a strong interest in plumbing or skilled trades are encouraged to apply.
- Willingness to learn new skills and follow directions from experienced trades staff.
- Ability to work effectively both independently and as part of a team.
- Strong work ethic, reliability, and attention to detail.

- Basic mechanical ability and comfort using hand and power tools (training provided).
- Good communication skills and a positive, cooperative attitude.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment and assist with multiple tasks as needed.
- Ability to perform physical labor, including standing, walking, bending, and lifting.
- Ability to lift and move up to 100 pounds with assistance or equipment.
- Ability to work indoors and outdoors in varying weather conditions.

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

The pay range for this position is \$27.50 to \$40.00/hourly based on an assessment of knowledge, skills and experience of the candidate offered. Employees are offered healthcare coverage options which include medical, dental, vision, long term disability insurance and are able to enroll in the WSFEC's 403(b) plan. Employees accrue ten vacation days and eight sick leave days a year which can be used once accrued. Additionally, employees enjoy fourteen paid holidays throughout the calendar year.

HOW TO APPLY

Please email cover letter and resume to jillianc@thefair.com. Job posting will remain open until the position is filled.