

Graduates of the Power Line Worker course are generally hired by electric utilities or construction contractors to work as apprentice line workers. Apprenticeship lasts four—five years. It includes on-the-job training and usually some correspondence coursework.

Average first-year apprentice pay in Minnesota is \$19 per hour plus a benefit package, with graduated increases through apprenticeship. Journeymen usually make \$20-\$33 per hour. Most line worker jobs are unionized.

Following completion as an apprentice, line workers attain journeyman status. After gaining experience, some go on to lead crews, be foreman, superintendents or move to other utility jobs.



Minnesota Power Line Schools

Dakota County Technical College
Rosemount, MN 1-877-937-3282
MN State Community & Tech College
Wadena, MN 1-800-247-2007
Minnesota West Technical College
Jackson, MN 1-507-847-7920

Do you enjoy.....

- * *working outdoors?*
- * *working with hand tools?*
- * *operating trucks and equipment?*
- * *being part of a team?*

*Consider
a career
as an
electrical
line
worker.*



Career information and educational scholarship courtesy of:



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Job Description for Power Line Worker

They work outside most of the day, in storms as well as in sunshine. They operate large equipment such as trenchers, backhoes, digger trucks for setting poles and bucket trucks.

They build new overhead electric lines by putting poles in the ground, attaching hardware to the poles, and then stringing the electric wires. Line workers hook up lines to transformers. They perform maintenance and repairs to overhead and underground conductors. They do maintenance in substations, repair security lights and install meters.

Line workers perform underground line construction by trenching and then laying the conductors in the trench.

Sometimes they are bringing electric service to new homes and businesses. Sometimes the job is to rebuild a line along a highway under construction. When customers lose power, the line workers go out, day or night, to repair the problem.

Line workers receive safety and first aid training. Often they work on energized electric lines which require strict safety practices and concentration on the job being done. Line workers learn to climb poles but most work today is done out of an aerial bucket. Students test for their CDL, commercial driver's license, to be able to drive trucks over 26,000 lbs. GVW.

Being a line worker requires good mechanical skills and math skills. The ability to follow directions and work with others as a team are important. It's also helpful if you have no fear of heights. Experience operating farm or other large machinery can be helpful.

Minnesota has three Power Line Worker schools. Each program is 9-24 months in length and 30-64 semester credits.

Average tuition and fees are \$8,000 per year.

Information on these 3 schools is listed on the back of the brochure.



Scholarship Available

McLeod Cooperative Power is offering one \$500.00 scholarship for school year 2018-19. Current seniors in high school or other high school graduates who enroll in the Power Line Worker program at one of the schools mentioned in this brochure are eligible. To be considered for the scholarship you must complete the MCPA scholarship application and be a graduate of a high school located in Carver, McLeod, Renville or Sibley County in Minnesota.

Recipient selected will have \$500 paid toward tuition for first semester.