



LOOKING
FOR
A GREAT
CAREER?



ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Masonry-related careers are available at several work levels, including management positions:

- ▶ Job-site Supervisor or Foreman
- ▶ Quality Control Technician
- ▶ Superintendant
- ▶ Estimator
- ▶ Project Manager
- ▶ Mason Contractor
- ▶ Masonry Instructor

While additional training may be necessary for some of these careers, knowledge of the craft will contribute to your success. Students with ambitions of going to college can take classes to enhance business and marketing skills.



For more information about careers in masonry contact:

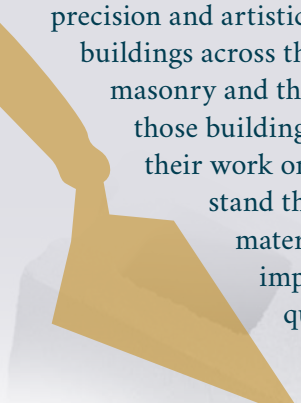


Become a MASON

The Masonry Industry
Offers Excellent Career
Opportunities



BECOMING A MASON IS A CAREER DECISION THAT OFFERS DIVERSE OPPORTUNITIES.



A highly skilled craft, masonry requires precision and artistic skill. Most impressive buildings across the US are made of masonry and the masons who work on those buildings take great pride in their work on the buildings that stand the test of time. No other material leaves as lasting an impression of strength, quality and substance as that conveyed by brick, block and stone.



graduation or go on to a post-secondary school for further training. Each Vocational Technical Center has a unique program so contact your local school for information about their curriculum. There are also apprenticeship programs available for additional training and career advancement.

WHAT DOES A MASON DO?

Masons work with a variety of building materials including brick, block and glass block, tile, terra cotta, natural and cast stone. The work ranges from laying a wall to constructing building exteriors to high rise buildings using a variety of these materials. The work is physical and involves the use of hand tools, power tools and material moving equipment. Brick and block are laid by hand, requiring the skill of a craftsman, who is a true artist. Masons must also be able to read blueprints, understand building codes and be knowledgeable of industry safety requirements and guidelines for handling hazardous materials.

As with many construction trades, masonry work is done outdoors. In the past, weather conditions often affected work schedules but today, protective sheeting encloses work areas which allows masons to work continuously throughout the year.

TRAINING

To become a journeyman mason, one must complete an apprenticeship or other approved training program. Secondary school programs at Vocational Technical Centers provide approved training to allow a student to work for a mason contractor at the entry level immediately after

YOU CAN EVEN OWN YOUR OWN MASONRY BUSINESS SOMEDAY!



EARN GOOD WAGES

Skilled masons earn among the highest wages in the construction trades. Often a Journeyman bricklayer will even earn more in wages than a college graduate. As with all careers, wages depend on the geographic area and employer.

VALUABLE BENEFITS

Most mason contractors are competitive when it comes to providing benefits for their employees. Bricklayers often receive health and dental insurance, vacation and sick leave, a 401K or other retirement plan and additional benefits.

JOB SECURITY

The masonry industry is facing a shortage of skilled masons. Students who successfully complete a training program are in high demand for jobs. *The skills of a mason can never be replaced by a machine, so skilled masons can look forward to a lucrative career for years to come.*