

JMAP Newsletter

EDITION
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NEW JMAP GRADUATES STRENGTHEN MICHIGAN'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

Linework is a career built on skill, discipline and trust. From blue-sky system improvements to major storm restoration, electric lineworkers play a critical role in keeping power flowing safely to Michigan homes, farms and businesses.

This year, a new group of lineworkers reached an important milestone, earning Journeyman status through the Joint Michigan Apprentice Program.

[Click here](#) to read more about how JMAP is training the next generation of lineworkers to keep Michigan connected.



IMPORTANT REMINDER: APPRENTICE EVALUATIONS

Please complete all evaluations using a desktop computer rather than a mobile device. This will help ensure that all fields and ratings are captured accurately.

Please also be sure to complete the comments section. Your feedback is essential to the evaluation process and provides valuable insight into each apprentice's performance and development.

The JMAP Training Committee relies on these evaluations to assess each apprentice's performance and readiness to advance to the next class. The committee reviews evaluations quarterly and will follow up with supervisors when additional information or clarification is needed.

You will receive a calendar reminder each month when the evaluation system opens. If you are not receiving these reminders, please let us know right away so we can correct the issue.

Thank you for taking the time to provide thoughtful and thorough feedback. Your input plays an important role in supporting our apprentices and helping them progress successfully through the program.

4th Quarter Evaluation Deadline: November 13, 2026

2026 CONTINUING EDUCATION

Be sure to check out the 2026 Continuing Education training calendar to continue advancing your career. Courses range from technical and safety to leadership and are available for all employee levels. Visit the [website](#) or call Katie Keen at 989-513-3055.

REMINDER: APPROVE OJL HOURS PROMPTLY

Supervisors are reminded to review and approve apprentice On-the-Job Learning (OJL) hours in ApprentiScope on a regular basis.

Delayed approvals prevent JMAP from receiving timely notification when apprentices reach required milestones. This may delay wage progression and require the participating utility's HR department to process retroactive pay adjustments. Please review pending OJL hours at least weekly and promptly address any discrepancies.

Timely approvals support apprentices, maintain accurate records, and reduce unnecessary administrative work for everyone involved.

FIELD VISITS

During the course of the apprenticeship, each apprentice will receive at least one on-site visit at their utility from a member of the Joint Apprentice Training Committee (JATC).

ENROLLMENT DEADLINES

Please be sure to register by December 31, 2026, for the Spring/Summer 2027 term. If class is full, apprentices will be placed on a waitlist.

CURRENT JMAP STATS

Participating Utilities <i>(Welcome City of Wakefield!)</i>	39
Enrolled Apprentices	60
Total Graduates to Date	197

Thank you for taking part in the JMAP 2025 survey!

Your feedback is invaluable in helping us strengthen the program and ensure JMAP remains a top-tier apprenticeship experience for future lineworkers.

From Apprentices

- 1

Please rate the knowledge of your instructors.

★

★

★

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- 2

How well was JMAP coursework presented by instructors?

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- 3

How do you rate hands-on training at the JMAP campus?

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- 4

How do you rate the JMAP staff?

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- 5

How do you rate JMAP overall?

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From Supervisors

- 1

How satisfied are you with the quality of training and education?

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- 2

How satisfied are you with communications from JMAP?

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- 3

How satisfied are you with the ApprentiScope platform (apprenticeship management system)?

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