

JMAP Newsletter

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Mastering the Craft: JMAP Graduates Prepare for the Future of Linework

Electric lineworkers are the backbone of Michigan's power grid—weathering storms, climbing poles, and working around the clock to ensure electricity flows safely to homes and businesses. Thanks to the Joint Michigan Apprentice Program (JMAP), a new group of graduates is now ready to take on that responsibility with confidence and skill.

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



New Pathway to a Degree: JMAP Partners with Northwestern Michigan College

Recently, Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City partnered with JMAP to award graduates beyond their journeyman certificate.

Both past and present JMAP graduates can be awarded nearly half of the credits needed to receive an associate's degree upon completion of the four-year journeyman utility line worker program through JMAP. Three associate's degree options are available: General Studies, Construction Management, and Construction Technology with an emphasis in Electrical. To date, 171 graduates would be eligible for this opportunity.

For questions or to start the enrollment process, contact Lisa vonReichbauer, Director of Admissions at Northwestern Michigan College, at admissions@nmc.edu or 231-995-1594.

JMAP Expands Training Fleet with Bucket Truck Purchase

We're excited to share that JMAP has added a bucket truck to its training program—purchased from Cherryland Electric Cooperative!

This new addition is a valuable asset that will enhance hands-on training opportunities for apprentices. The truck will be used to simulate real-world scenarios, helping apprentices gain confidence and experience working at elevated heights in a safe, controlled environment.

Thank you to Cherryland for supporting the next generation of Michigan lineworkers by helping us invest in practical, skill-building tools that prepare our graduates for success.

Important Reminder: Apprentice Evaluations

Please use a computer to fill out evaluations—this helps ensure everything is selected correctly. Don't forget to include comments before submitting! The JMAP Training Committee uses your feedback to get a clear picture of each apprentice's performance.

We review evaluations every quarter to see who's ready for class and follow up with supervisors if needed. Your input helps shape our conversations with each utility.

You'll receive calendar reminders when the system opens each month. If you're not getting them, just let us know!

Timely submission helps keep the process moving and apprentices on track. Upcoming Quarterly Evaluation Deadlines:

- 3rd quarter: August 8, 2025
- 4th quarter: November 14, 2025

JMAP Tuition Update

Effective January 1, 2026, annual tuition for JMAP will increase to \$6,500 per apprentice. This amount includes the cost of printed training materials and textbooks.

Enrollment Deadlines

Please be sure to register by December 31, 2025, for the Spring/Summer 2026 term. If class is full, apprentices will be placed on a waitlist.

Current JMAP Stats

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| Participating Utilities | 38 |
| Enrolled Apprentices | 68 |
| Total Graduates to Date | 171 |

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.

1 Please rate the knowledge of your instructors.



2 How well was JMAP coursework presented by instructors?



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



4 How do you rate the JMAP staff?



5 How do you rate JMAP overall?

