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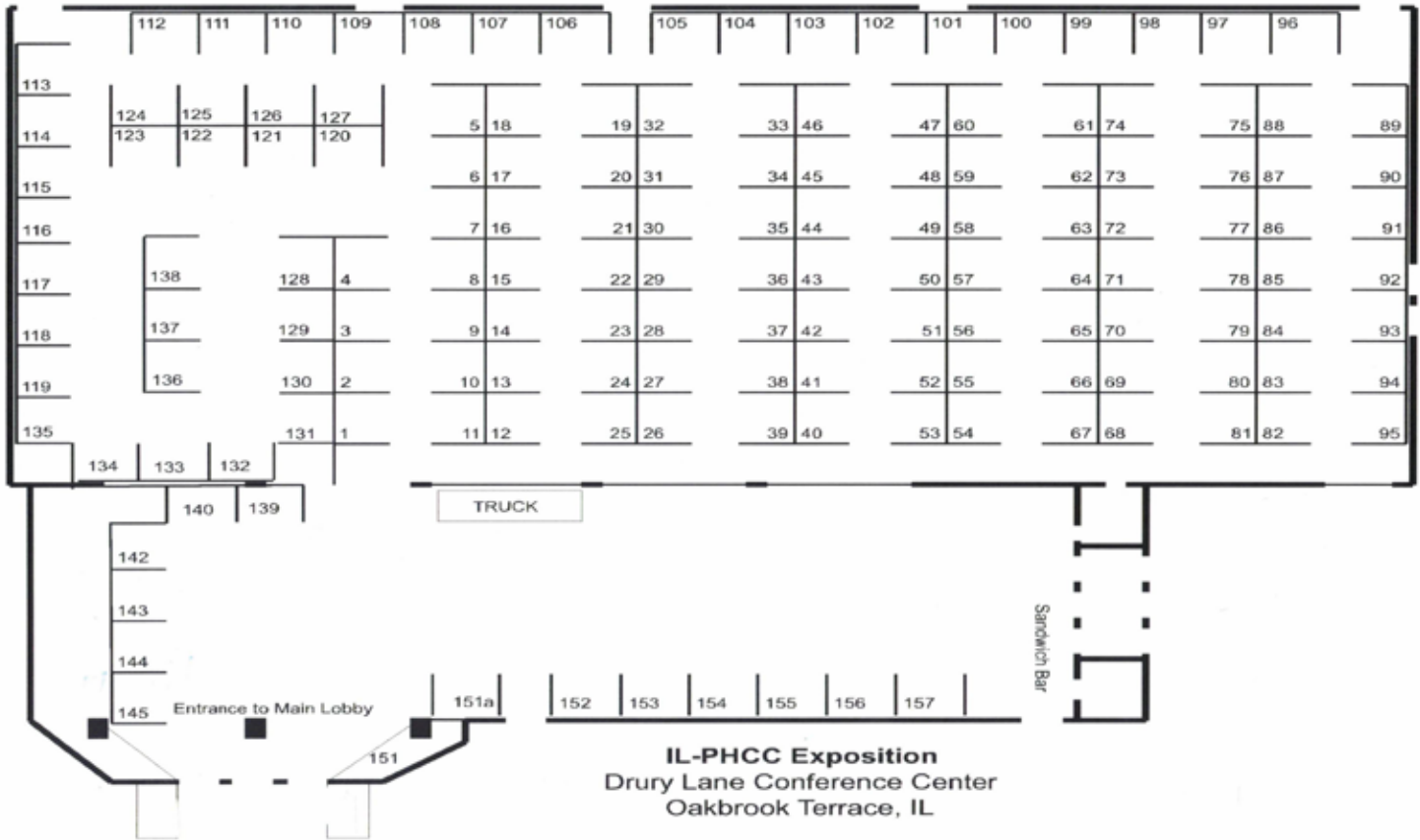
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# PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

by Mike Ehret  
Illinois PHCC President

As I am nearer to the end of my career than the beginning, I can look back and easily see where my inspiration came from. It is events that my parents took me to. Most of those adventures away from Belleville started with our trade and tended to stay within it. The trade shows and conventions being at the top of the list of family vacations.

I can vividly remember the trips to Chicago and the IL PHCC showcasing the latest ideas and tools that drove me. The dinners with our competitors showed that you can compete for work and still be friends at the end of the day. My mom used to tell my dad that he better not mess up the relationships as she always wanted to come back the next year. It made me realize that we could all get along and still thrive in this industry. I encourage everyone to attend these events year after year. Make new friends, visit with old, network and expand your business connections. This event is a fun time to be had, and I hope you take advantage of all the IL PHCC has laid out for all of us and make the most of it.

Also, please thank Bev, Shelley, the Auxiliary and the rest of the volunteers for making this Expo as affordable, accessible, exciting and educational as it is. Year after year.

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IL PHCC Expo & Educational Day  
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Drury Lane Conference Center  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL

## MAY 21-22, 2024

PHCC National Legislative Conference  
Washington, DC

## JUNE TBA

IL PHCC Annual Meeting & Installation Event  
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## LICENSE RENEWAL TIME – DON'T DELAY!!

It is now the time of year for all Illinois licensed plumbers and apprentices to renew their licenses. Renewal forms containing your PIN to make your online payment were mailed in late February. Please use the following email address for IDPH for all questions, renewal inquiries, to obtain PIN #s, to update your information, etc. [DPH.Plumbing@illinois.gov](mailto:DPH.Plumbing@illinois.gov).

**As soon as you receive notification from the IDPH, please renew immediately.** Do not wait until April to renew!

If you do not have your **continuing education credit** completed for this year, our class schedule is posted on our website at [www.ilphcc.com](http://www.ilphcc.com).



## GET YOUR BACKFLOW TEST KIT CALIBRATED AT THE EXPO

Test Gauge, Inc. will be offering on-site calibrations of your backflow test kit during the Illinois PHCC Expo on March 22nd at the Drury Lane Conference Center in Oakbrook Terrace.

Test kits can be dropped off at the main entrance of Drury Lane before the CEU that morning, beginning at 7:00AM. If you would like to drop your test kit off during the Expo, simply bring it to Test Gauge at booths 3 and 4. All test kits can be picked up at that location prior to 4:00PM.



# 2024 ILLINOIS PHCC CEU SCHEDULE

The Illinois PHCC has one online class remaining on our schedule for the 2024 renewal year. **Please visit our website at [www.ilphcc.com](http://www.ilphcc.com) to register for this class and watch for classes that may be added to the schedule if needed.** Registration links will be live at least 6 weeks prior to the class date.

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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

BY BEV POTTS

The Spring Session of the 103rd Illinois General Assembly began on January 16th. New legislation has been introduced and bills from last year are still in play. There are many bills not included on this report that we are monitoring that deal with Energy Conservation, Workforce Development, Employment, Procurement, Design/Build, and Utilities/Water. If and when any of these advance we will add them to the list. Below are a few of the bills we are watching and their current status.

## Plumbing/Piping/Construction Trade Related Bills:

**HB 1198 (D. Vella)** Provides that the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation shall create a program to license electricians in the State. Assigned to the House Labor & Commerce Committee.

**HB 4173 (J. Davis)** Amends the School Code to allow METT Educator District Licenses for teaching a course in manufacturing, engineering, technology, or a trade (including plumbing) to be issued. Assigned to the House Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools. We have asked the sponsor to add a provision that anyone teaching plumbing have a valid Illinois Plumbing License.

**HB 4528 (J. Mason)** Amends the Rental Property Utility Service Act. Provides that a landlord shall repair any leaking water pipe of a tenant within 30 days of the landlord being notified of a leak. Referred to House Rules. We requested the sponsor to amend the bill to state that these repairs must be made by a licensed plumber.

**HB 4549 (A. Moeller)** Amends the Illinois Plumbing License Law to provide that, beginning on July 1, 2024, food service establishments with less than 2,000 square feet may provide one unisex, readily

accessible restroom facility for the public. Assigned to the House Executive Committee.

**HB 4578 (M. Kelly)** Creates an income tax credit for taxpayers who have an approved NFPA 13D residential fire sprinkler system installed in a new or existing residential dwelling. Referred to House Rules.

**HB 4619 (H. Benton)** Prohibits a homeowners' association, common interest community association, or condominium unit owners' association from adopting a bylaw or exercising any power that prohibits the installation of a rain water collection system or composting system. Referred to House Rules.

**HB 4792 (D. Vella)** Provides that the minimum lateral setback distance between a closed-loop well and a storm sewer, sanitary sewer, combined sewer, or any other potential source of contamination is 5 feet. Specifies that setbacks from footing drains and pits, crawl spaces, and basements do not apply to closed-loop wells. Assigned to House Energy & Environment Committee.

**HB 5244 (L. Walsh)** Amends the Energy Efficient Building Act. Requires the Board to adopt rules requiring all buildings to be designed and constructed to provide natural gas service and electric power. Specifies that a unit of local government may not enact or enforce a resolution, ordinance, rule, code, or policy, or take any other action that restricts or prohibits or has the effect of restricting or prohibiting the type of fuel source or source of energy production that may be used, delivered, converted, or supplied by a natural gas utility. Assigned to the House Energy & Environment Committee.

**SB 1666 (R. Peters)** Creates the Thermal Energy Network and Jobs Acts. The legislation defines thermal energy as piped noncombustible fluids used for

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transferring heat into and out of buildings for all types of heating and cooling processes, including, but not limited to comfort heating and cooling, domestic hot water and refrigeration. Two proposed amendments are pending. Assigned to the Senate Subcommittee on Special Issues.

**SB 1938 (D. DeWitte & D. Fowler)** Amends the Environmental Protection Act to provide that, in the case of water main installation projects, all water main-related appurtenances, and specifically fire hydrants and valves, shall be included in the Agency's written approval of specified public water supply plans. Re-assigned to Senate Local Government.

**SB 2702 (R. Villivalam)** Amends the Fire Sprinkler Contractor Licensing Act. Provides that "fire sprinkler inspector" means an individual who is qualified to perform routine inspection or testing of fire sprinkler systems and who is exclusively employed by a single fire sprinkler contractor (instead of employed or contracted by a fire sprinkler contractor). Provides that any individual who performs routine inspection or testing of any fire sprinkler system under the Act shall be exclusively employed by a single licensed fire sprinkler contractor (instead of be employed by a licensed fire sprinkler contractor). Referred to Senate Assignments.

**SB 2743 (L. Ellman & N. Toro)** Creates the Water Plan Task Force Act. Establishes the State Water Plan Task Force and requires them to identify critical water issues, to develop and implement recommendations that address the critical water issues, and to reevaluate critical water issues and needs. Assigned to the Senate Environment and Conservation Committee.

**SB 3792 (M. Simmons)** Amends the Equitable Restrooms Act to provide that any multiple-occupancy restroom must be identified as an all-gender multiple-occupancy restroom and designated for use by any person of any gender. Provides that any existing or future places of public accommodation or public buildings are

subject to the requirements regarding all-gender multiple-occupancy restrooms. Referred to Senate Assignments.

**Other Construction/Business Related Bills:**  
**HB 4317 (J. Hoffman)** Amends the Mechanics Lien Act. Requires the written notice to be sent by: (i) registered or certified mail, with return receipt requested; (ii) a nationally recognized delivery company with tracking service; or (iii) personal service. Provides that notice is considered served at the time the written notice is placed with the delivery service or in the mail. On 2nd Reading in the House.

**HB 4418 (W. Davis) SB 2729 (R. Villivalam)** Provides that interest shall accrue monthly on the first day of each month on retainage withheld by a governmental unit; Requires retainage to be paid not more than 60 days after being retained. Referred to House Rules and Senate Subcommittee on Procurement.

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## Hiring the Right Person for Your Business

When it comes to hiring new employees, you want the best to represent your company and work with your current team. Knowing that a poor hiring decision can result in costly replacement expenses, strain on management, and diminished morale among current employees, it's important to thoroughly vet new hires to ensure they are the right fit for your business.

In addition, stressing the importance of maintaining a [work culture based on safety and risk management](#) right off the bat can help your new hire know what is expected of them.

The following tips might benefit you when it comes time to hire someone new:

### Find the right fit for the job.

Your hiring decision can have a ripple effect on your company and its employees. Take time to find a person who understands the value that safety, risk management, and teamwork have within your business, and who is willing to comply with your company policies.

### Make sure your job description is clear.

When creating a job description, fully list out necessary criteria, and note all job responsibilities. This will help your new hire gain a clearer understanding of what is expected in their day-to-day work. It can be helpful to explain your company's stance on [workplace safety](#) right away, and provide general information about the training they can anticipate down the road.

### Conduct a background check and check references.

Where applicable by law, conducting background checks and contacting references can give you great insight into your potential new hire. Their past experiences can provide feedback into the kind of employee they are and offer insight into how they might work with the rest of your team.

While there's no guaranteed way to avoid making a poor hiring choice, you can do a lot to help your business by taking the extra steps to find the right match. To learn more about hiring practices, [reach out to your local Federated® marketing representative today.](#)

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## Question

One of our employees is constantly disregarding safety instructions. He recently injured himself at work and filed a workers' compensation claim. This is the third time in the past two years this has happened, and it will probably continue because he doesn't follow safety rules. Are we allowed to discipline him when workers' compensation is involved? I don't want to keep having these claims when it's his own fault for not following directions.

## ANSWER

Employees who exercise their rights to file claims under state workers' compensation statutes are protected from retaliation. Disciplining an employee who has filed a claim (or has a history of filing claims) on account of an employer's desire not to have to deal with such claims may expose the employer to significant liability for retaliation.

That said, employees who have experienced workplace injuries due to their own safety violations are not insulated against the consequences of having engaged in such infractions. An employer should proceed with discipline (up to and including termination) in a manner consistent with company policy and past practice, assuming any other employee who committed a similar safety violation would be disciplined as well. An employer should investigate the facts surrounding a breach of safety procedures, and if it's found that the employee violated a safety protocol, disciplinary action should be taken.

Remember that an employer may discipline an at-will employee for any legitimate, nondiscriminatory reason. Therefore, if an employer's decision to discipline or terminate an employee is based on his or her violation of a company's safety policy (and not because he or she exercised rights under workers' compensation laws), the employer can proceed, as long as doing so is consistent with company policy and past practice.



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**(217) 522-7219**



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# EMPLOYERS MUST POST OSHA FORM 300A

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OSHA reminds employers that they must post a copy of OSHA's Form 300A, which summarizes job-related injuries and illnesses logged during 2023. Each year, between February 1 and April 30, the summary must be displayed in a common area where notices to employees are usually posted. Businesses with 10 or fewer employees and those in certain low-hazard industries are exempt from OSHA recordkeeping and posting requirements. Visit OSHA's Recordkeeping Rule webpage at <https://www.osha.gov/injuryreporting/> for more information on recordkeeping requirements.



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# ILLINOIS PHCC PAST PRESIDENT'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND

1. Name of the Scholarship Fund shall be the "Illinois PHCC Assn. Past President's Club Scholarship Award".
2. Scholarship is established through dues income to Past President's Club.
3. A scholarship shall be awarded to an individual who has been nominated by a member of the Illinois PHCC Past President's Club who has been a member in good standing for the past two years.
4. Applicant must have the following qualifications:
  - a. Applicant must be a member of the senior class or graduate of a secondary school.
  - b. Pursue or desire to pursue courses of study such as may prepare them to serve or to advance the interest of the plumbing-heating-cooling industry.
5. The President of the Past President's Club shall be the Chairman and appoint two members to assist him in selecting the Scholarship Winner.
6. In no case shall more than one Scholarship be awarded to any one applicant, but the Scholarship Committee may award more than one scholarship at their discretion.
7. Scholarships shall be awarded at an event of the Illinois PHCC in June 2024.
8. The Executive Director shall be directed to inform the applicant who will be awarded the Scholarship.
9. Applicants not winning the award may be eligible to apply the following year.
10. The Scholarship money shall be made payable to the school of the applicant's choice. If the winner has changed schools since applying, he or she shall notify the IL PHCC Executive Director immediately.
11. If a recipient should drop out of school during the year, the balance of the award should be returned to the Past President's Club.

**Application must be received in the Illinois PHCC office no later than June 1, 2024**

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## IL PHCC PAST PRESIDENTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Phone No. - Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsoring Member of the Past President's Club \_\_\_\_\_

What career do you intend to follow? - Give full details in letter form. (In addition to the letter, it would be helpful to have a short video of the applicant explaining why they are applying and their goals for the future. This is optional, but if you choice to do so, email it to bev@ilphcc.com.)

What school do you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

When do you plan to enroll? \_\_\_\_\_

### Scholastic Data

High School attended \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_ Rank In Class \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_

In what activities have you participated: Attach list.

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1. Fill out application completely and mail to IL PHCC Past Presidents Club, 821 S. Grand Ave., West, Springfield, IL 62704.
2. Enclose reference letters from three people, not related to you, who know you personally, attesting to character and other pertinent information.
3. Enclose a letter from principal giving complete transcript of grades, activities, rank and number in class and scores on one of the following tests: PSAT, SAT or ACT.
4. A wallet size picture of you.

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Applicant's Signature

I hereby certify that the above is true and accurate. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent or Guardian's Signature



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- Go to [www.IPIASSOC.org](http://www.IPIASSOC.org)
- Check our facebook page: facebook @ Illinois Plumbing Inspectors Association (IPIA)
- Email [Daviddertz@aol.com](mailto:Daviddertz@aol.com) or [JC@ccp1967.com](mailto:JC@ccp1967.com)



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# **You are invited to the Illinois Plumbing Inspectors Association's 28th Annual Continuing Education Program**

**When:** Friday May 10, 2024

Registration begins at 7:00 am

Class runs from 8:00 am – 3:30 pm, with breaks and lunch

**Where:** Medinah Shriners Banquet Hall

550 Shriners Drive, Addison IL 60101

**Fee:** IPIA Member: \$125.00

Non-Member: \$175—which includes a 1 year membership.

Please make checks payable to: I.P.I.A.

**RSVP:** Complete this form and send it and the fee to:

Illinois Plumbing Inspectors Assoc.

c/o Bob Krupske

P.O. Box 162

Frankfort IL 60423

**Space is limited. All forms must be received by  
no later than April 30, 2024.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**License Number:** Illinois 058-\_\_\_\_\_ Chicago J- \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Employer:**  Municipality  County  State  Private

**Position/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Business Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# PHCC–National Member Benefits

## Here's what you need to know.

PHCC–National membership offers a variety of programs, education and services to keep your business in the know.  
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### ADVOCACY

- Federal legislative and regulatory representation
- State and local legislative and regulatory assistance
- State legislative and regulatory online tracking tool
- Representation on code bodies and industry coalitions
- Reinforcement of industry standards that protect public health and safety
- Annual legislative conference
- Alerts on laws, regulations and code changes
- Grassroots network
- PAC activities



### WORKFORCE & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

- Free monthly webinars for members
- PHCCCONNECT annual conference and tradeshow offering tailored P-H-C education
- Face-to-face learning opportunities
- Career and job fair materials



### BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE PHCC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

- Plumbing and HVACR apprentice training
- Plumbing and HVACR Workforce Readiness course
- Plumbing Pre-Apprentice course
- Fast Track to Service Plumbing course
- Foremen workshop
- Assessment tests
- Essentials of Project Management class
- Plumbing and HVAC apprentice contest
- Scholarships



### BEST PRACTICES, COMMUNICATION & NETWORKING

- Safety and risk management tools
- Access to subject matter experts
- PHCC water supply calculator app
- Monthly electronic newsletters
- Award winning magazine *Solutions*
- PHCC contractor online directory
- PHCC Online Buyer's Guide
- Online member communities



### SAVINGS & DISCOUNTS

- PHCC industry partnerships with manufacturers and product providers to the P-H-C trade
- PHCC Labor Unit Database subscription
- Members-only discounts on programs, events and services



### BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE

- Regular PHCC members-only business intelligence reports and insights, forward-facing statistics
- Monthly *Insta-Intel* report
- Quarterly *Competitive Edge* report



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  - » Library of Helpful Tools
  - » Specialized Peer Groups
- Construction Contractors' Alliance (CCA)
  - » Provides contractors with a means to find solutions to the many issues new construction contractors face. CCA serves PHCC's plumbing and mechanical contractors specializing in residential, industrial, commercial and institutional new construction.
- Union-Affiliated Contractors (UAC)
  - » Seminars offering targeting topics that are useful to union operated contractors. Topics like collective bargaining, benefits and Anti-Trust may be offered. Check out <https://community.phccweb.org/uac/home> for upcoming seminars.
- PHCC–National Auxiliary
  - » Women and men with the purpose of working in partnership with the plumbing, heating and cooling industry through scholarships, education, and industry support. They are comprised of individuals who have a wide variety of backgrounds. The common denominator, however, is an interest in the P-H-C industry.

# PHCC membership pays for itself. *Just plug in!*

## Member Savings and Discounts

- **Aramark:** **25% discount** on uniforms.
- **Code Books:** Discounts vary by chapter.
- **ConsensusDocs:** **20% discount** on subscriptions to standard construction contracts.
- **Exxon/Mobil:** **5 cent savings per gallon** of gas using Fleet National card.
- **Labor Unit Database:** 30-day free trial and **\$100 discount** off subscription renewal.
- **Market Hardware:** **Free consultation and discount** on web sites and marketing services.
- **PHCCCONNECT** Conference and Tradeshow: **\$100 discount** off each member registration.
- **Solutions** magazine subscription: **\$30 value**
- **Time Communications:** **Discounted monthly rate** on call management systems.
- **Pink Callers:** Access to an administrative support solution that assigns customer service reps to support home service business remotely.
- **Plumbing and HVACR Apprentice eLearning Programs:** Discounts vary by chapter.
- **Plumbing and HVACR Textbooks:** Up to **25% discount** through your chapter.
- **US Bank:** Eligible for a 15-minute consultation to discuss how your business expenses can become opportunities to increase cash flow, lengthen operating cycle, and earn more rewards.

## Resources for Members



**Plumbing and HVACR Workforce Readiness:** Online course provides individuals with an introduction to working in the plumbing-heating-cooling industry.



**TechLine:** Expert advice on code questions and clarifications.



**Safety Program Builder:** Available from Federated Insurance, allows contractors to customize efforts that illustrate your commitment to ensuring safety in your workplace.



**Overhead and Profit Calculator:** This simple software tool helps business owners calculate their real costs and find the right selling price for their company.



**PHCC Water Supply Calculator App:** Offers a single resource to determine water supply fixture units and minimum fixture branch sizes for common plumbing fixtures, typical pressure drops in water meters, equivalent lengths of fittings, and more.



**Multi-Employer 401(k) Retirement Program:** PHCC members can choose among several 401(k) retirement program options offered by Lincoln Financial Group through Certified Financial Services.



**Publications:** Members receive *Solutions* magazine, *PHCC Online* and the *PHCC Advocate* newsletter, chock full of valuable news and information to help run your business and stay current on industry legislation and regulations.

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Illinois Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors

## Associate Membership Application

Please print or type

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check As Many As Apply

- Manufacturer
- Manufacturer's Rep
- Wholesalers
- Supply House
- Business Needs (i.e., insurance, business supplies, etc.)
- Other (please indicate)

My check for \$250.00 is enclosed

As an Illinois PHCC Associate Member, we agree that our firm and its staff will abide by the PHCC Bylaws, Code of Conduct, and will conduct business in a legal and ethical manner.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send completed form to:  
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Fax: (217) 522-4315

***QUESTIONS?....1-800-795-7422***



## Illinois Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors

### Inspector Application for Membership

Please print or type

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Illinois Plumber's License Number \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

Please answer the following questions:

Are you also a contractor? \_\_\_\_\_ (if yes, you do not qualify for this membership category)

Would you be willing to serve on a committee? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the IPIA? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the IPEA? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, which chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$40.00

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The Investment period is January 1 through December 31. Please send completed form and check payable to Illinois PHCC, 821 South Grand Avenue, West, Springfield, IL 62704.

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# Illinois Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Application for Membership

Please print or type

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Illinois Plumbing Contractor's Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

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(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Backflow Inspection...EPA Backflow                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HVAC                   | Cert. # _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydronics              | <input type="checkbox"/> Refrigeration   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Process Piping         | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Sprinkler Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underground Utilities  | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Service/Repair..... <input type="checkbox"/> 24 hr. service |

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Don't wait to register! Early Bird Registration ends April 30; save \$50 by registering in advance! Go to [phccweb.org/legislativeconference](https://phccweb.org/legislativeconference) to get started. (Note: Hotel Information to book your room at the YOTEL Washington, D.C. will be included in your registration confirmation.)



Meetings will be scheduled based on your state and Congressional district. Please contact Mark Valentini at [valentini@naphcc.org](mailto:valentini@naphcc.org) or (703) 752-9871 if you have any questions or special scheduling needs.



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# PHCC ILLINOIS AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ~2024~

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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Guardian's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME AND ADDRESS WHERE CHECK SHOULD BE SENT:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF SPONSORING AUXILIARY MEMBER:** (Sponsor **cannot** be a parent, guardian or spouse.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOLASTIC DATA:**

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank/Number in Class: \_\_\_\_\_ CUM GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College Attending & Career Plans: \_\_\_\_\_

Dean or Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIP:**

Application must be complete with the items listed below for consideration. Please read Scholarship Rules.

1. Completed application above
2. Small photo stapled to application
3. Three letters of recommendation as follows:
  - A. One letter of recommendation from sponsoring Auxiliary member who is not a parent, guardian, or spouse
  - B. Two letters of personal recommendation from people not related to applicant
4. Personal letter: State request and list your high school and college extra-curricular activities.
5. Original copy of high school and college transcripts. These can be sent under separate cover. **High school transcript is required** for all graduates from 2006 to current.

I hereby certify that the above is true and accurate.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent, Guardian or Spouse Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**GOOD LUCK!**

**DEADLINE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP IS MAY 24, 2024**

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# PHCC ILLINOIS

## AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP RULES

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Scholarships for college or vocational education are awarded by the Illinois Auxiliary for a minimum of \$500.00 up to a maximum of \$2,000.00 each year in June, as funds are available.

1. The applicant must be at least a freshman in college having completed one full semester with at least 8 credit hours of study. Seniors in high school may NOT apply.
2. No person may receive more than one award from the Illinois Auxiliary during his or her academic career. There cannot be more than two awards per family per year. A permanent list of recipients will be kept in the scholarship files.
3. In addition to the completed application form, the applicant must submit the following:
  - A letter from the applicant with personal data, family size, explanation of need for scholarship monies, and career plans. Also include information about participation in high school, college, and community activities as well as work experience. Knowledge of and/or working experiences with plumbing industry may be included, but is not necessary.
  - Three letters of recommendation.
    - One letter must be from a sponsor who is a member in good standing of the Illinois PHCC Auxiliary.
    - The other two letters must be from people who know the applicant personally and can attest to the applicant's character. They may also provide additional pertinent information such as academic performance and involvement in extra-curricular activities. Knowledge of parents does not necessarily qualify them for having knowledge of applicant.
  - Photo of the applicant.
  - Official transcripts—see details on application form.
4. **The deadline for submitting the application is May 24, 2024.**
  - Application must be postmarked no later than this date and include all the information required. If it is incomplete, application materials will be discarded and applicant will not be considered for a scholarship. Applicants may resubmit the following year.
  - The scholarship committee will have the final decision in awarding these scholarships. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Gail McWilliams.

*Please send completed application by May 24, 2024 to:*

*Gail McWilliams*  
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