

Emily Gilreath

Tradeswomen Heroes Award

Winner - January 2021



Level of Experience: Apprentice

Years in Trade: 3

Union: LIUNA

Local: 338

Bio

Emily Gilreath is a proud 4th generation Union member at LIUNA Local 338. Her paternal great grandfather was one of many founding members of LIUNA Local 338, and her maternal great grandfather retired as a Boilermaker. Her paternal grandfather retired as a Laborer, maternal grandfather retired a teamster, father retired a laborer, and uncle is currently the Secretary-Treasurer for the Machinists Union. Needless to say, living and executing the union way of life has been instilled in her since the day she was born. To say the least, she was raised on union money. She grew up going on side jobs with my dad, that ended up with her learning the trade. She has 3 sisters and a very independent mother. Growing up, Emily watched her succeed in a male dominated field and has been lucky enough to absorb some of strength. She chose to follow in both of her parent's footsteps to have a strong work ethic, support her family, and to be successful no matter the hurdles she faces. Emily wanted to become a laborer because she wanted to become part of a family, where they have each other's back. Emily strives to stand together with her union sisters and brothers to continue the tradition of "An Injury to One, Is an Injury to All."



Why Emily Was Nominated

I nominated Emily because she has grown up in a Union family, she came to me when applying for the apprenticeship and she wanted to be a part of the Brotherhood, and family and also to carry on the family tradition. Emily is a very strong and outgoing person, she stride's in everything she does. Emily is very involved in her Union - she gives what she gets. Emily is a good worker and a team player. When she is in class she strives to be a leader and is always willing to learn more.