

Angela Poore

Tradeswomen Heroes Award
Winner - September 2022



Level of Experience: Apprentice

Years in Trade: 4

Union: SMART

Local: 18

City: Milwaukee, WI

Bio

Angela Poore was born and raised on military bases. Spending 11 years of her life moving and driving from state to state - like Kansas, Alaska, and Texas - Angela and her family would find adventure on these cross-country journeys.

After moving to Waukesha, Wisconsin in 5th grade, she spent the rest of her grade school days being a kid and graduating. At 17 years old, Angela moved out and learn about "adulthood." She worked at 2 chiropractic offices for 15 years and started her own cleaning business. Quickly realizing that she had reached her maximum financial capacity, Angela began researching other options.

Angela was introduced to Sheet Metal by her stepfather who is a Local 18 Business Agent. After spending some time working on her math skills, Angela was signed up as a Pre-Apprentice at 34 years old. Currently a 4th-year apprentice, Angela has been with JM Brennan Co. since the start of her Sheet Metal career.

"It's very intimidating being a female going into a 'Man's World', but I realized that the guys I was working with were like anyone else at a job. They taught me so much, they showed me the wrong and right ways of doing things. The



best part, so far, is working with so many different foreman/journeyman and learning their ways of doing things. It helps you find what way works best for you. I can not wait to become a Journeyman or a Foreman and see where this road takes me."

Why Angela Was Nominated

The Local 18 Milwaukee Joint Apprenticeship Committee nominates Angela because she exemplifies a great employee. She is hard-working, shows up on time and soaks things up like a sponge. Angela is always willing to take on new challenges. When Angela's employer challenged the employees to differentiate themselves from others, she was the only one who approached her Superintendent seeking guidance on improving her welding skills. Angela had always shown signs of success as a welder, but with this challenge took the opportunity to really focus and hone those skills. We would be lucky to have more apprentices, and future journeyworkers, like Angela.