

SDAPHCC Apprentice Contest Details and Guidelines

The SDAPHCC hosts an annual apprentice competition in conjunction with its Annual Convention. Apprentices can compete in either the Plumbing Division or the HVAC Division.

Plumbing Division Details

- Apprentices first compete in a written competition.
- The top three competitors in the written competition advance to a hands-on competition at the Annual SDAPHCC State Convention
- The first-place winner of the hands-on competition will then advance to the National PHCC Competition at the national convention.

HVAC Division Details

- The HVAC Division competition in SD consists of only a written test.
- The apprentice with the highest score will automatically advance to the National PHCC Competition at the national convention.

Written Competition Details

- Held on January 11, 2019 in Rapid City and Sioux Falls at 2pm.
 - Rapid City Location: 1865 Samco Road (Midwestern Mechanical)
 - Sioux Falls Location: 4105 N Lewis Ave (Midwestern Mechanical)
- Written Test Schedule
 - 1:45 pm – Contestants Arrive and Check In
 - 2:00 pm – Testing Starts (no exceptions or late starts)
 - 4:00 pm – Testing Ends
- IMPORTANT NOTE: Contestants will need to provide a driver's license or other valid picture ID at the time of testing.
- Tests will be graded at a later date and results will be issued within the next week.
- In the case of a tie, the time that the test was turned in will be the tie breaker with the shortest test time as the winner.

State Convention Details

- The State Convention will be held in Sioux Falls at the Holiday Inn City Centre on February 28 & March 1.
- The Plumbing Hands-on Competition will be held on February 28.
- Contestants are invited to attend lunch on that day and stay for the Table Top Event that evening.

National Convention Details

- The National Convention will be held October 2-4, 2019 in Indianapolis, IN.
- Winning contestants will receive travel and lodging to the convention plus free admission to the contest dinner, trade show, and awards luncheon.
- Contestants will compete against apprentices from across the nation in a written and a hands-on competition.

Contest Guidelines

- Employers must be a member of the SDAPHCC.
- Apprentices must be a third-year apprentice or higher during 2018 and shall not have attained journeyman status.
- Plumbing apprentices must be a registered apprentice with the South Dakota Plumbing Commission.
- The contestants should not have previously competed at the National PHCC competition.
- Registration deadline is December 28, 2018.