



ARBORIST REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP

Get started in a growing, well-paid industry working outside.

APPLY BY FEBRUARY 2, 2024!



Receive on-the-job training and marketable, desirable skills that will need to a long-term career in arboriculture or urban forestry.

Openlands Arborist Registered Apprenticeship is an opportunity for individuals to participate in a 3-year Registered Apprenticeship Program, working alongside industry professionals and gaining hands-on experience, training, and skills in arboriculture.

QUESTIONS?

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The Arborist Registered Apprenticeship is a 3-year training program from Openlands that includes:

- Paid on-the-job training and classroom learning
- Gaining certifications and industry credentials, including:
 - First Aid/CPR
 - Openlands TreeKeeper certification
 - Commercial Driver's License
 - IL state pesticide license
- Experience climbing trees, using power equipment, and planting, pruning, and maintaining trees
- Learn the fundamentals of arboriculture and working with trees in an urban environment



Apprentices are employed by Openlands for Year 1 of the program and then are matched with a tree care employer partner for Years 2 & 3 to complete the apprenticeship. The program is full-time (35+ hours/week) with benefits and structured pay increases every 6 months, starting at \$18/hour and ending at \$23/hour.

Openlands welcomes diverse candidates. Those who are currently unemployed, underemployed, and underrepresented populations, including people of color and women are encouraged to apply.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- 18 years or older
- Provide proof of high school diploma or GED
- Valid driver's license & clean driving record
- Proficient in reading, speaking, & writing in English
- Physically capable performing essential job functions, including lifting a minimum of 50 lbs. at any time, throughout the duration of the program.

3 yr

Average time for program completion

5400

Hours of paid, on-the-job training

400+

Hours of paid classroom learning

\$18/hr

Starting wage, with increases every 6 months