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Jackson Energy accepting applications for the Lineman Training Center Scholarship



Jackson Energy is accepting applications for the 2021 Lineman Scholarship Program. One winner will receive a full scholarship to attend the Somerset Community College Lineman Training Center.

The deadline to apply is May 21st. Applicants must be at least a senior in high school. The applicant, their parents or their legal guardians must be a Jackson Energy member and their primary residence or business must be served by the cooperative.

To download the application or apply online, visit <https://www.jacksonenergy.com/jackson-energy-lineman-program-scholarship>. The lineman training program is an eight-week course held in Somerset. More than 90% of the Somerset Community College Lineman Training Center graduates have been placed in jobs with either electric utilities or electric contractor companies.

"The Lineman Training Center was established to provide men and women an opportunity to learn the basic, yet necessary, skills and hands-on experience that are essential to enter the utility industry at an apprentice level," says Jackson Energy President & CEO, Carol Wright. "The training center's criteria is a proven success to the linemen that complete the course. The experience and knowledge that the students gain at the training center give them an explicit advantage when they enter the workforce."

Gov. Beshear Announces Task Force on Unemployment Insurance Fraud

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 5, 2021) – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear signed an executive order creating the Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Fraud Detection and Prevention Task Force, which will coordinate between state and federal entities to detect, investigate, prosecute and prevent unemployment insurance fraud in Kentucky.

"Like many other states across the country, Kentucky has seen a surge in fraudulent unemployment insurance claims," Gov. Beshear said. "This task force will bring together the needed resources to combat this scourge."

During the current pandemic, the entire United States has seen an increase in fraudulent claims for unemployment insurance. To date more than \$63 billion in fraudulent benefits has been paid nationwide. This fraud is complex and requires a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional response. The implementation of the task force is designed to address the unique challenges presented.

Task force members appointed by the Governor include:

- The commissioner of the Kentucky State Police;
 - The executive director of the Kentucky Department of Homeland Security;
 - The secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet;
 - The state's chief information officer; and
 - The executive director of the Kentucky Office of Unemployment Insurance.
- Additionally, the task force may include representatives from the U.S. Attorney's Offices for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Secret Service, the Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Diplomatic Service, the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General or other investigative entities the Governor may deem appropriate.

In an ongoing effort to address the high volume of fraud in claims in Kentucky, the Office of Unemployment Insurance (OUI) has added a new welcome screen to the claimant website with a more secure login. OUI has also updated the fraud form to report identity theft on the site, entered into a new partnership with ID.me, implemented reCaptcha and adopted new measures for out-of-state Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, putting a hold on those claims until identification can be verified.

Most recently, OUI announced Friday that it was stopping all claimants from making changes to the bank account information on file with the agency.

The move comes after OUI was made aware of claimants reporting unauthorized changes to their bank accounts in recent days. In this newest form, the fraudulent activity occurs when criminals exploit unsophisticated PIN numbers created by claimants, used in conjunction with publicly available information obtained from other sources on the Internet.

The agency will soon require new and existing claimants to create more complex PIN numbers. In addition, all new UI claimants will only be paid by paper check effective immediately.

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- Janitorial Supplies Items a
- nd Intent to Quote Produce Items.

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