

L.A. County Skilled Trades Summers Program



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BRIDGE Housing

Watts and South L.A. | 120 Students | Year-Round | Construction and Welding

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Harbor Freight Tools for Schools launched Skilled Trades Summers in 2021 to introduce high schoolers to in-demand careers and provide foundational skills prior to graduation. In 2026, 11 programs across L.A. County will offer:

- “Earn and learn” model for all participating high school students
- Intensive, hands-on training leading to high-value industry credentials
- Career readiness support

Program Features

- Teen residents from Jordan Downs and Evermont low-income housing communities receive hands-on construction and welding training at the AltaSea facility.
- Starting fall 2026, the program will expand to year-round, serving 120 students annually.
- Career Readiness and Life Skills: case management, financial literacy.
- Certifications Offered: American Welding Society (AWS), National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).

To learn more about Skilled Trades Summers, please contact Senior Director of L.A. County Programs Belen Vargas bvargas@hftforschools.org and visit hftforschools.org/los-angeles-county.

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About Harbor Freight Tools for Schools

Harbor Freight Tools for Schools is the flagship program of The Smidt Foundation, established by Harbor Freight Tools owner and founder Eric Smidt, to increase understanding, support and investment in skilled trades education for U.S. public high school students.