

L.A. County Skilled Trades Summers Program



Partner Spotlight

Long Beach City College (LBCC)

Long Beach and surrounding communities | 25 Students | 8 Weeks | Electrical Technology

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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

- Offers high school students college-level electrical technology training, a partnership with LBCC, Port of Long Beach and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 11.
- Upon program completion, eligible students who apply to IBEW apprenticeships are given “advanced standing” on their application.
- Career Readiness and Life Skills: field trips to labor union training centers, enrichment workshops featuring guest speakers.
- Certifications Offered: Certificates of Completion in Power Generation Technician and Robotics Exploration Application.

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.