Joining IATSE Local 478 is a multi-step process that will take some time to complete. Upon meeting the necessary requirements needed to complete the application process, you must then be approved by the membership of Local 478 and the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States, its Territories and Canada. In addition to the application process, there is an initiation fee of $550.00 and the quarterly dues are $58.00, which applies regardless of your employment status. Furthermore, when working on a production, you are obliged to pay 3% of your gross wages to the Local. When a member fails to meet his/her financial obligations to the Local they face expulsion. In the event of an expulsion, quarterly dues still accrue and a $200.00 reinstatement fee is applied should an expelled individual wish to be reinstated and be deemed in “good standing”. There are things that you should consider carefully before applying to the Local. First, we are not a hiring hall. You will be responsible for finding work for yourself. Our responsibility is to protect you once you are working. We also do not operate by a seniority system. However, we provide contact information to our members on all known projects that we are aware of in our jurisdiction. Second, once you join the Local, you will be a life-long member. Please make sure you understand the commitment of your request.

You must provide 2 Proofs of Residency:

Any person applying for membership must be a resident for at least eighteen (18) months immediately preceding his/her application within the jurisdiction of the Local to which he/she tenders his/her application. All applicants must provide 2 proofs of residency. Below are the acceptable proofs:

- You must provide a copy of your LA or MS Driver’s License
- Copy of Voters’ Registration Card
- Copy of Current Vehicle Registration
- Copy of Current Concealed Weapons Permit issued by the State Police
- Copy of Parish or County Homestead Exemption
- Copy of Selective Service Notification
- Copy of W-2 forms for 2 years showing current address

We will accept these documents ONLY TO HELP for proof of 18 months residency.

- Bank statements showing date opened and last bank statement
- Home, renters, or flood insurance policy
- Phone/utility/cable bills showing when opened and last billing statement
- Louisiana State Identification Cards

You must prove the 30 working days of experience in your craft:

Provide 30 days verification for each craft category and classification specified on the Local 478 questionnaire (i.e. COPIES of pay stubs, call sheets, or an employment verification and paystub within one calendar year). Please do not send us originals. Those who are currently IA members in another Studio Mechanics Local or those who are transferring from another Studio Mechanics Local or Hollywood Motion Picture Craft Specific Local must provide copy of current Local Union Membership Card or letter specifying initiation date at that Local and your craft(s).

Please submit these items and the signed Designation of Collective Bargaining Representation Sheet to:

I.A.T.S.E. Local 478
432 N Anthony St
New Orleans, LA 70119
Fax: 504-483-9961
Email: memberassist478@bellsouth.net

Once BOTH steps are completed the second part of the application will be sent by mail ONLY.
LOCAL 478 CRAFTS AND CLASSIFICATIONS
Please circle only the crafts you have submitted 30 days proof of craft to the business office

**Allied Crafts**
Warehouseman
Repair Tech

**Art Department**
Art Department Coordinator
Art Department Assistant
Set Designer/Model Maker/Draftsperson
Illustrator
Graphic Artist
Model Maker

**Construction**
Construction Coordinator
Construction Foreman
Construction Gang Boss
Draftsperson
Carpenter/Prop Maker/Model Maker
Tool Mechanic/Person
Construction Diver
Shop Crafts Person
Construction Buyer
Welder
Construction Utility Technician

**Crafts Service**
Key Craft Service
Craft Service Assistant

**Electric**
Gaffer
Best Boy Electric
Laptop/Dimmer Board Operator
Electrician
Lamp Operator
Balloon Lighting Tech
Generator Operator
Rigging Gaffer
Rigging Best Boy Electric
Rigging Electrician
Rigging Generator Operator

**Greens**
Greens Foreman
Lead/First Greens
Greensman
On Set/Standby Greens

**Grips**
Key Grip
Best Boy Grip
Dolly Grip
Crane Operator
Grip
Rigging Key Grip
Rigging Best Boy Grip
Rigging Grip

**Locations**
Locations Scout
Locations Manager
Assistant Locations Manager

**Paint/Scenic/Plaster**
Paint Foreman
Paint Gang Boss
Key/Lead Scenic Artist
Scenic Artist
Sign Painter/Writer
Painter Set/Construction
Stand by Painter
Lead Plasterer/Fiberglass
Sculptor/Plasterer
Paint Utility Technician

**Projection**
Daily Projectionist

**Props**
Prop Master
Prop Assistant/Asst Prop Master
Props Buyer
Prop Person
Prop Weapons
On-Set Picture Cars/Boats
Marine Coordinator
Boat Handler

**Set Dressing**
Lead(man)-Set Dresser
Set Decorator
Draper/Upholsterer
Set Dressing Buyer
Set Dresser/On-Set
Set Dresser
Swing Gang

**Sound**
Mixer/Recordist
Boom Person/Assistant
Cable Utility Person
Playback Operator

**Special Effects**
SPFX Coordinator
SPFX Charge Person/Foreman
SPFX Key
SPFX Assistant
SPFX Diver
SPFX Mechanical
SPFX Powder Person
SPFX Pyrotechnics
SPFX Technician
SPFX Rigging Foreman

**Wardrobe**
Costume Designer
Assistant Designer
Costume Supervisor
Lead Set Costumer
Key Costumer
Assistant Key
Set Costumer
Costumer
Wardrobe Supervisor
Wardrobe Buyer
Stylist
Ager/Dyer
Seamstress/Tailor/Stitcher/Sewer

**First Aid**
Set Medic
EMT
Paramedic
RN/Nurse

**These crafts require proof of certification.**