



Great Lakes Cheese is an award-winning, premier manufacturer and packager of natural and processed bulk, shredded, and sliced cheeses for private label brands. In fact, they are the largest natural cheese packager in North America. With production facilities in Ohio, New York, Tennessee, Utah, Wisconsin, and Texas, they easily distribute to customers across the country. Their Wausau facility is located in the Wausau Business Campus and packages specialty and snack cheeses for retail and foodservice customers across the nation.

As a family and employee-owned business, Great Lakes Cheese takes the long-term view and thinks in terms of generations, not quarters. Employee-owners are growing the business for each other, and for generations of employee-owners to follow. They are proud to have multiple generations of families growing their careers with them.

As their founder Hans Epprecht once said, “What makes the company successful is finding the right people, and then motivating them to do the best job possible.” Great Lakes Cheese motivates employee-owners with long-term job stability, weekly pay, benefits, and paid time off.

The NorthCentral FSET program began a partnership with Great Lakes Cheese in February 2022, making them one of our newest Employer Partners. Since February 2022, 10 FSET

customers have been hired by Great Lakes Cheese at its new facility, built in 2019. As the nation’s largest natural cheese packager, Great Lakes Cheese has an enormous responsibility to earn customers’ trust and keep consumers safe. They work hard to process, package and deliver the safest possible products with intention and care, and prevent problems from occurring. Their sanitation and maintenance teams play a critical role in maintaining a safe and high-quality manufacturing environment that uses the latest technology to package at record speeds with unparalleled quality.

Great Lakes Cheese hires for full time positions on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> shift, with some part-time options available for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> shifts. Benefits such as health, vision, and dental insurance become available to new employees after the first 30-60 days. Great Lakes Cheese values longevity in its employees, offering additional benefits like educational reimbursement at local technical colleges and universities as well as on-site occupational health resources.



If you are interested in joining the team at Great Lakes Cheese, please let your case manager know. You can find out more about Great Lakes Cheese and their open positions at <https://jobs.greatlakescheese.com>. Please also our employee testimonial courtesy of Jerome Ebel, a Maintenance Technician at Great Lakes Cheese for 15 years now. We at NorthCentral FSET are always here and happy to help prepare you



for your application and interview at Great Lakes Cheese! “The crew was friendly and welcoming, and I can honestly say that Mr. Hall was the best guy I’ve ever had the opportunity to work for/with. So, to be honest, I fell into this job, and it has been the best stumble I’ve made so far. The management philosophy is different in that there isn’t the micromanagement I’ve seen at other companies. There is a trust that they hired the right folks to get the job done and then they let you do it. I also love the employee group. I love coming into the locker room in the morning and hearing so many different languages and cultures. What a treat and completely the opposite from my previous job. Great Lakes Cheese is about hard work, honesty, and integrity. If you can wrap your head around these simple ideas, you will prosper here. And you just cannot underestimate what the Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) can do for your retirement. If not for the ESOP program, I wouldn’t even be thinking about retirement. I have been here for 15 years and have seen that the

concern for the employees and management style is moving the company in a positive direction.”

*-Jerome Ebel, Maintenance Technician at Great Lakes Cheese since 2007*

