

# About the Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship

## Overview of Jon's Career

The Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship has been developed to honor the life, memory, and work of Jon Siemen, who passed away in March 2015. Jon started his career in weatherization in the late 1970s, when he began working at the Community Action in Southwestern Vermont (BROC). Around 1993/1994, Jon and his brother started an air sealing service that they ran for a few years. In 1996 Jon joined the Champlain Valley of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) and was in charge of their field office, located in Middlebury, VT. In 2001 he left CVOEO and became a weatherization director for a succession of NYS weatherization programs for Washington County and Warren-Hamilton Counties.

## His Time at BPI

Jon began working at BPI in 2009. While with BPI he filled the rolls of Field Representative and Technical Relations Representative. Over the years Jon was involved in administering BPI exams, contributing to standards and certification development, performing quality assurance reviews, and answering technical questions presented by contractors, candidates, and proctors.

Jon was a beloved member of the BPI staff who could always brighten your day with his quick wit and sense of humor. He loved sharing stories about his family, dogs, hunting, tapping trees for sap, and his Italian heritage. Jon made an impact on the industry, on the lives of those he helped through home performance, and on the lives of those he worked with.

## Purpose of the Scholarship

The Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship is intended to help individuals in the industry who are working to make a difference in the comfort, health, safety, and energy efficiency of our homes. Jon had a passion for weatherization and helping others. In turn, these scholarships can help others who have a passion for weatherization.

## What It Covers

The Building Performance Institute, Inc. will be awarding this scholarship to four recipients annually; one recipient for each of the four Home Energy Professional (HEP) certifications.

Recipients of the scholarship will be able to take the written and field exams that are applicable for the certification designation indicated on the application, at no cost. BPI will also work with each recipient to help them obtain training for that certification at reduced or no cost. The scholarship covers one attempt at each exam. The scholarship does not cover retakes, in the event that a recipient is unsuccessful on either or both of the exams.

The exams must be taken by the end of the calendar year in which the scholarship was awarded, in order to be covered by BPI. Scholarships cannot be rolled over to subsequent years. BPI will help arrange testing with a BPI Test Center who is approved to administer the applicable exams.

# Applying for the Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship

## When to Apply

Applications can be submitted year round. Applications submitted up through November 30<sup>th</sup> of any given year, will apply towards the subsequent year's scholarship. Any applications received after November 30<sup>th</sup> will be held and applied towards the following scholarship year. For example, any individual who submits the scholarship application between December 1, 2017 and November 30, 2018 will be applying for the 2019 scholarships that will be announced in March of 2019. Any individual who applies in December of 2018 has missed the deadline for the 2019 scholarships and therefore will be applying for the 2020 scholarship.

## Who Should Apply

To be eligible for The Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship an individual must work with a weatherization program, must meet the prerequisites for the certification they have chosen to apply for, and must be able to supply documentation showing they meet the prerequisites. Individuals are eligible to receive this scholarship if they were not previously certified in the designation being applied for. This scholarship cannot be used to renew a certification or reobtain a certification that has expired.

Individuals can only receive this scholarship one time. If you were a previous recipient of The Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship you are not eligible to receive the scholarship again, for any of the designations.



# Steps to Apply for the Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship

## Instructions for Applying

Before submitting this application, you will need to review the Certification Scheme Handbook for the appropriate HEP certification. The Certification Scheme Handbooks can be found at [www.bpi.org/hep](http://www.bpi.org/hep). Each of the Home Energy Professional (HEP) certifications has a set of prerequisites that must be met in order to be approved to take the HEP exams and become certified. Refer to the “Preparing for Certification” section of the Certification Scheme Handbook for details on the prerequisites that must be met. Individuals who do not meet the prerequisites are not eligible for the scholarship.

Please complete this application in its entirety. Any sections marked optional do not have to be completed, but will help determine the scholarship recipients. If you need additional space to complete the items in the experience section, please use a separate sheet of paper and submit along with the application.

The recipients of The Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship will be chosen at BPI’s discretion, based on the scholarship application and any accompanying documents that are submitted.

Information to Submit	
The Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship Application.	*If you have already been approved to take the exams for the designation you would like covered by this scholarship, please submit your approval letter in lieu of the HEP application and prerequisites.
Any additional supporting documents or extra sheets of paper you would like to submit. (optional)	
The appropriate HEP application.	
Supporting documents showing that you meet the prerequisites listed under the “Preparing for Certification” section of the appropriate scheme handbook.	

Once complete, please submit all documents in one of the following ways.

Mail to:	Building Performance Institute, Inc. Attn: The Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship 107 Hermes Rd., Suite 210 Malta, NY 12020
Fax to:	(518) 899-1622
Email to:	SiemenScholarship@bpi.org



# Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship Application

## Personal Information

Please enter your name as it appears on your driver's license or other official documents.

Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Suffix (Jr., Sr., etc.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Address Line 2  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town State Zip/Postal Code

Preferred Telephone Other Telephone  
 Home  Mobile ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home  Mobile ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship year being applied for:  March 2017  
 March 2018  
 March 2019  
 March 2020

Please identify which BPI certification you would like covered by this scholarship? Please check only one option:

- Crew Leader
- Energy Auditor
- Quality Control Inspector
- Retrofit Installer Technician

Have you previously applied for this scholarship?  Yes  No  
If yes, please indicate when you applied. \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently applying for any other scholarships?  Yes  No  
If yes, please list which scholarship(s). \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your age range.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 16-17 | <input type="checkbox"/> 40-49 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> 50-59 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30-39 | <input type="checkbox"/> 60+   |

Are you a U.S. citizen?  Yes  No

If you are not a U.S. citizen, are you a permanent resident of the U.S.?  Yes  No

Please indicate if you are any of the following:

- U.S. Veteran
- Active Duty U.S. Military
- National Guard or Active Reserve

Have you ever been found guilty or convicted of a felony?  Yes  No

If yes, please attach a separate sheet of paper detailing the approximate date of the conviction and explaining the charges for which you were convicted.

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- Some High School/Still in High School
- High School Diploma/GED
- Some College – No Degree
- Associate Degree
- Bachelor’s Degree
- Master’s Degree
- Doctorate
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the weatherization program(s) you work with:

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## Experience

Please explain your experience in the sections below. This information will help determine the recipients of The Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship. If you do not have experience in any given area, please leave that section blank. If you need additional space please attach your response to the end of the application.

**Employment Information:** Please explain any work experience you have had in the home performance, weatherization, energy efficiency, healthy homes, HVAC or related industries. Please list your work experiences that relate to this scholarship (a complete employment history is not required).

**Volunteer Experience:** Please describe any relevant volunteer activities in which you have participated.

**Awards/Honors/Certifications:** Please list any industry related awards, honors or certifications you have received, currently hold or have held in the past.

**Other:** Please describe any other industry related experiences, passions or goals you may have. This can include, but is not limited to: your reason for wanting to obtain a BPI credential, why you became involved in the industry, why you want to become involved in the industry, how this scholarship will help you, etc.

### Additional Information

If you have additional information that was not specifically requested on the application or did not fit in the space provided, feel free to attach the information to the end of the application.

### Authorization

By signing this document, you certify that all information in this application and the accompanying documentation is true and correct.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your completed application by mail, fax or email:

Mail to:	Building Performance Institute, Inc. Attn: The Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship 107 Hermes Rd., Suite 210 Malta, NY 12020
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