



# Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship

INSTRUCTIONS AND APPLICATION



# 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 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 Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) and oversaw 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, Warren, and Hamilton Counties.

## His Time at BPI

Jon began working at BPI in 2009. While with BPI, he filled the roles 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 and 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, this scholarship program 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.

Recipients of the scholarship will be able to take the online and field exams that are applicable for the certification designation indicated on the application, at no cost. BPI will also work with each recipient, in an effort 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 if a recipient is unsuccessful on either or both exams.

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

If the individual receiving the scholarship has indicated on their application that they would like the scholarship to be applied to the Building Science Principles (BSP), that recipient will receive a copy of the BSP Reference Guide and will be able to take the BSP exam at no cost. The scholarship will cover one attempt of the BSP exam, which must be taken by the end of the calendar year in which the scholarship is awarded.

# Applying for the Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship

## When to Apply

Applications can be submitted year-round. Applications submitted through November 30<sup>th</sup> of any given year will apply toward the subsequent year's scholarship. Any applications received after November 30<sup>th</sup> will be held and applied toward the following scholarship year. For example, an individual who submits the scholarship application between December 1, 2019 and November 30, 2020 will be applying for the 2021 scholarship, which will be announced in March of 2021. An individual who applies in December of 2020 has missed the deadline for 2021, and will be applying for the 2022 scholarship.



## Who Should Apply

To be eligible for the Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship, an individual must currently work with a weatherization assistance program or they must be a United States military veteran. This scholarship cannot be used to renew a certification or reobtain an expired certification that the individual previously held. This scholarship cannot be used to obtain the Building Science Principles (BSP) Reference Guide and take the BSP exam, if the individual has obtained the BSP Certificate of Knowledge in the past.

The Home Energy Professional (HEP) certifications and the Healthy Home Evaluator (HHE) certification have prerequisites that must be met for an individual to be approved to take the exams and become certified. Refer to the "Preparing for Certification" section of the appropriate certification scheme handbook for details on prerequisites. Individuals who do not meet the prerequisites are not eligible to receive the scholarship for those designations.

Individuals can only receive this scholarship one time. If you previously received the Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship, you are not eligible to receive the scholarship again, for any designation.



# 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 that applies to the certification designation you have indicated on the application. The certification scheme handbooks contain important information about the certification and certification exams and can be found at [bpi.org/certified-professionals](http://bpi.org/certified-professionals).

If you are looking to receive the scholarship for the Crew Leader, Energy Auditor, Quality Control Inspector, Retrofit Installer Technician, or Healthy Home Evaluator designation, you must meet the prerequisites for the certification you have indicated on the application and must be able to supply documentation showing that you meet the prerequisites.

Please complete this application in its entirety. Any sections marked optional do not have to be completed, but they will be used to 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 attach it to your completed 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.

<b>Information to Submit:</b>	
The Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship Application	
Any additional supporting documents or extra sheets of paper you would like to submit. (optional)	
If looking to receive the scholarship for the Crew Leader, Energy Auditor, or Retrofit Installer Technician, you must also submit:	
The appropriate HEP application	*If you have already been approved by BPI to challenge the exams for the HEP designation you would like covered by this scholarship, please submit your approval letter in lieu of the HEP application and prerequisites.
Supporting documents showing that you meet the prerequisites listed under the “Preparing for Certification” section of the appropriate certification scheme handbook.	
If applying as a U.S. veteran, who does not participate with a weatherization assistance program, you must also submit:	
Proof of veteran status, such as a DD-214, VIC, state or county veteran ID card, driver’s license with the veteran designation, or other appropriate proof.	



# 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 Initial 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify which BPI certification or certificate program you would like covered by this scholarship. Please check only one option:

Certificate Program:  BPI Building Science Principles

- Certifications:
- AC/Heat Pump Professional
  - Air Leakage Control Installer
  - Building Analyst Professional
  - Crew Leader
  - Energy Auditor
  - Envelope Professional
  - Healthy Home Evaluator
  - Heating Professional
  - Infiltration and Duct Leakage
  - Manufactured Housing Professional
  - Multifamily Building Analyst
  - Multifamily Building Operator
  - Quality Control Inspector
  - Retrofit Installer Technician

Have you previously applied for the Jon Siemen Memorial 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

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 assistance program(s) you currently work with:

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I am a U.S. military veteran who is not currently working with a weatherization assistance program.  
*(Must provide proof of veteran status. See page 3 of the instructions for examples of proof.)*

### Experience (optional)

Please describe your experience in the sections below. This information will help determine the recipients of the Jon Siemen Memorial Scholarship, so please be as detailed as possible. If you do not have experience in any given area, please leave that section blank. If you need additional space, please attach your responses 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 and when those activities took place.

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

**Other:** Please describe any other industry related experiences, passions, or goals you 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 it 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:

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