

## The Larry Armanda Scholarship Awards

Thanks to Larry Armanda's family and the HPC Memorial Scholarship Fund, two scholarship awards for the HPC National Home Performance Conference are being offered. These awards will go to women working in low income weatherization. Each scholarship award will include a full conference registration, 3 night stay at the conference host hotel, and \$250 for travel expenses. The recipients will be recognized at the conference lunch on Tuesday, March 21.

*Please see below for the application and instructions.*

**Applications are due by Friday, February 17.**

### About Larry Armanda



**Larry's work and career life followed a progression from worker to business owner to industry leader.**

Never satisfied having just one job, Larry worked as an Industrial Electric Troubleshooter at Bethlehem Steel for 16 years. During this time period, he became a Logistic Supervisor for Infraspection Institute, teaching infrared imaging nationally. In the 1980's he started an electrical contracting business, Armanda Electric, becoming well known in the Williamsport PA area. Having a solid background in mechanical and electrical systems, wet building and roof moisture troubleshooting, and building inspections, he became an Instructional Specialist at Pennsylvania College of

Technology (Penn College), Weatherization Training Center in 1997, where he developed and designed building science curriculum, and instructed and taught US Department of Energy approved weatherization classes. For 12 years, Larry taught thousands of weatherization technicians, including Energy Auditors, Crew Leaders, and insulation and air sealing contractors how to diagnose and solve building energy, health, and safety problems. In 2009, Larry became a consultant and taught courses and did in-field training in the US and Puerto Rico, training thousands of field technicians, government officials, and utility managers. Larry retired at the end of 2015.

**Larry was a true pioneer in the weatherization and home performance industry**, having had experience with building systems, diagnostics, and solutions for decades prior to just about anyone else in the US. He was sought after because of his wit, experience, knowledge, and practical skills, and mostly for his ability to teach by telling stories about his own experiences with building science, troubleshooting, and fixing buildings and systems.

**Always humble and never egotistic, Larry made all his students and clients feel good about what they knew,** what they were learning, and who they could become. He wrote over a dozen articles published in national magazines, including Fine Homebuilding and Home Energy Magazine, where the editors rarely changed a word because of Larry's ability to write easy to understand stories. He was asked to present at countless conferences, where lines to thank him for his presentations extended out the doors. Larry's teaching skills shone the most when he performed in-field training, including courses for women-only, as he was patient, and non-judgmental, always influencing his students to explore possible answers without fear of being wrong. He often said "There are no stupid questions". He saw the best in everyone.



**Please complete all sections of the application. Applications must be received by February 17, 2017.**

**SECTION 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name:		
Affiliation/Organization:		
Office Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Email address:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Job Title:	Race/Ethnicity (Optional):	
Years of Industry- Related Experience:		

**SECTION 2 – PROGRAM CRITERIA – THE FOLLOWING WILL BE CONSIDERED IN SELECTING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:**

**Part 1** Have you ever attended a HPC event? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

How many continuing education events have you attended this year? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your company have a budget for continuing education events? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Part 2** Please explain the reason (50 words) for your financial need.

**Part 3** Please provide a narrative (200 – 250 words) explaining how this scholarship will benefit you and/or your business.

**All parts of the application must be completed to be considered. Please submit all materials with this application:**

By Fax to: (412) 424-0075

By Mail to: Home Performance Coalition  
Attn: Robyn Hall  
One Thorn Run Center  
1187 Thorn Run Rd Extension, Suite 340  
Moon Township, PA 15108

By Email to: [rhall@homeperformance.org](mailto:rhall@homeperformance.org)  
Subject: 2017 HPC National Larry Armanda Scholarship Award

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**SECTION 3 – CERTIFICATION**

The HPC Scholarship Committee has the sole responsibility for selecting the recipients based on the criteria as set forth in the award. (It is recommended that you keep a copy for your records.)

*I acknowledge decisions are final. I certify that I have meet the eligibility requirements as described in the award criteria and all information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize HPC to investigate the information provided as it is relevant to the selection process. This application becomes the property of the HPC Scholarship Committee.*

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_