

2026

Central Virginia & Hampton Roads

EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION

AWARDS

APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR ENTRY FORM

Early Bird Deadline: July 20, 2026
Final: August 3, 2026



Awards Ceremony: October 22, 2026

For any and all questions regarding the Excellence in Construction Awards, please contact Rob Camlin, ABC-VA Vice President: rob@abcva.org or 757-855-8220

All entries must be received on or before Monday, August 3, 2026

Call for Entries

Please do not reproduce this application in your own format.

ABC Virginia (ABC-VA) invites our members to nominate their employees currently enrolled in our apprenticeship program for consideration in the 2026 EIC Apprentice of the Year Award category.

Eligibility

- Currently be enrolled in an NCCER/ABC-VA Accredited Training Education Facility (ATEF), Accredited Training Unit (ATU) or Training Unit (TU)
- Must be a registered apprentice
- Attend 90%+ of scheduled classes and work days
- Have a GPA of 3.0+
- Self-nominations are prohibited
- Past winners are not eligible

Questions concerning eligibility should be directed to:

Darlene Hart, ABC-VA State Workforce Development Director / [804-346-4222](tel:804-346-4222) or darlene@abcva.org

Recognition

The winner of ABC-VA's Apprentice of the Year will be presented with a plaque during the Excellence in Construction Awards Ceremony on Thursday, October 22, 2026. He/she will also receive a feature in ABC-VA's e-newsletter.

Timeline

Nominations must be submitted by Monday, August 3. All applicants will be notified by September 4.

Fee

- Early Bird Pricing (Ends 7/20): **\$100** per individual
- Standard Pricing (Deadline 8/3): **\$150** per individual



2025 Apprentice of the Year

Antonio "TJ" Lomba, HVAC Apprentice
Comfort Systems of Virginia, Inc.

Please check all names and titles for accuracy and completeness – engraving on all awards and printing in the program will reflect the information you provide. Please type; **no handwritten information.**

Nominee Information

First & Last Name: _____

Title: _____ Company: _____

Region: Central Virginia Hampton Roads

Apprenticeship Program (electrical, plumbing, HVAC, etc.): _____

Email Address: _____

Nominator Information

First & Last Name: _____

Title: _____ Company: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Criteria

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (15 POINTS)

Explain why your nominee is deserving of ABC-VA's Apprentice of the Year Award using no more than 250 words. **Please attach essay in Microsoft Word or PDF with your submission.**

RECOMMENDATION LETTER FROM APPRENTICESHIP INSTRUCTOR (15 POINTS)

Include letter(s) of recommendation from a former or current instructor(s) explaining in 250 words or less why this nominee should be awarded Apprentice of the Year.

Please include supporting examples for the following questions.

OVERALL PERFORMANCE (20 POINTS)

Provide examples of nominee's "can-do" attitude:

Explain how the nominee plans ahead and establishes goals/steps for accomplishing tasks:

Provide examples of nominee's teamwork and how they seek win-win solutions for their team:

Explain the nominee’s professionalism and self-awareness:

SPECIAL PROJECTS/SERVICES (10 POINTS)

Please describe any special completed projects or services that go above and beyond regular classroom instruction and/or on-the-job training.

SAFETY (20 POINTS)

How does the nominee adhere to safety protocols on the job?

Does the nominee promote safety awareness and excellence?

WORK HISTORY (20 POINTS)

Using the questions below, provide a detailed explanation of your nominee’s work experience (titles, duties and duration), education, training, and professional development activities.

Is nominee a registered apprentice through the Virginia DOL Apprenticeship Program? _____

List any and all nominee’s job-related duties and responsibilities:

List any training and education completed for personal and/or professional development outside of the classroom setting. List certifications, qualifications, licenses and awards:

