

As a freshman in high school I already knew I wanted to become a mechanical engineer. Little did I know, there was a fast track to my intended career field, and that fastpass was through my technical school called Tri-Star.

The career technical program I am currently studying is the Engineering Technology program (computer aided drafting, CAD) provided by St. Mary's Schools through our Tri-Star program. Joining this CAD class as a senior in high school has been the best way possible for me to be prepared for the real world after high school. Because of my Tri-Star class, I have learned and gained experience with 2D and 3D CAD software that is comparable to college students taking CAD classes. I have been able to learn practical skills about my future profession through my career-technical program, and I am hoping to obtain a summer job doing CAD work.

Ever since I started my vocational training I have been receiving more and more job opportunities to work in an engineering environment. These job opportunities are a great way for me to get some real engineering experience under my belt before I move off to college. These opportunities would not be available without my training at Tri-Star. In my vocational class I have created real life products such as making, designing, and 3D printing an Arbor Press and a vise. I have talked to a few engineers at Coldwater Machine Company, and they believe I have higher skills compared to first time co-ops from universities. These skills are a direct result of my vocational education through Tri-Star, and exactly why I would like to win and represent your organization as their scholarship recipient.

I know I am a very hard and dedicated worker and would represent you well as your scholarship winner. I have maintained a 3.8 GPA throughout high school and have always worked hard making sure jobs get done on time and properly. I am also a very outgoing person. I am a member of multiple community service groups such as 4-H, Leo Club, and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Even though I am involved in many community service activities, I still find time to earn money for college by working as a shop sweeper at Coldwater Machine Company.

This fall I plan to attend the University of Toledo majoring in mechanical engineering. This scholarship would not only provide financial aid, but being a winner of a prestigious scholarship could also open doors to more possibilities.

I have learned an enormous amount of information and obtained amazing skills through my career-technical program, and I am very grateful. Tri-Star has allowed me to begin growing into a mechanical engineer at a young age and has given me a head-start on my future career goals. My career-technical schooling has put me on a path of success unlike any other school could. I am thankful I chose to join my technical school.