

1. I am going to pursue an HVAC-R certification after graduation.

2. I became interested in HVAC-R in January 2023, when I was able to enroll in a certification course called "Trade Awareness" at the New Hampshire School of Mechanical Trades. As high school students we were given the opportunity to explore the different Trades classes that are offered by the school. Without the ability to have experienced this class, I don't know if I would have been able to confidently know which direction I want to go with the Trades.

3. My father owns and runs a Landscaping business, and I have been driving his commercial-grade walk-behind and zero-turn mowers since age ten. I have been doing maintenance on these mowers as well, and have experience using the commercial-grade stand-on blower Windstorm, that has a 37 hp fuel-injected engine. I regularly go to his shop and assist him with the maintenance of his equipment and machinery as well. I also enjoy working on my car, mountain bike, and I am the go-to person in the house if anything technical or mechanical has problems, or needs to be installed. I have always been interested in hands-on work and it has been the best way for me to learn throughout my education.

4. My educational and career goals start with taking certification classes at The New Hampshire School of Mechanical Trades in Hampton, New Hampshire. I have already signed up for my Air Conditioning course that starts in May and the Heating and Oil course begins in September. I will be able to become a certified HVAC-R Technician when my classes end. I have also been working as an intern at Dowling Corporation (HVAC-R) since September which has reinforced the feeling that I have found my calling. I have been getting a lot of experience during my internship, from electrical installation to laying piping down. I have started my training with some amazing technicians who have taught me a lot. While attending the New Hampshire School of Mechanical Trades I will be continuing work with Dowling Corporation in an apprenticeship position that they have offered me. Being in the HVAC-R field will allow me to do hands-on work in my community, that I know I will truly enjoy.

5. If someone were to call an adult in my life that knows me well, I believe that it would be my father who would recommend me for this scholarship. I didn't have an easy time getting through school, it was difficult, and I never felt like I could do as well as other students. My father has seen how much I've struggled with school, and how everything changed for the better when I first started going the Trade School. My father would recommend me to receive this scholarship because he knows how interested and invested I am in the HVAC-R field. He has been able to see me getting excited and more confident about my future.