



2018-2019 Scholarship Recipient

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Howard S. Lease Memorial Scholarship



Ethan Norris

Junior, Central Washington University

My name is Ethan Norris, and I am working toward my Construction Management degree at Central Washington University. I knew I wanted to go into construction in the 8th grade, when I took a trip to the Hoover Dam. I was amazed at how big the dam was and fascinated by how it was made.

I initially started my studies in Civil Engineering at Tacoma Community College. I did not see myself becoming an engineer, but I was still interested in the field. I knew I wanted to work with my hands, which led me to explore the construction industry. I did some research on the Construction Management degree and decided it was the perfect fit for me. It was the best decision I ever made.

Two summers ago I worked at Looker Asphalt Inc. as a Mechanic's Assistant. I learned how to properly maintain construction equipment and vehicles. This past summer I worked for Rainier Asphalt and Concrete as a laborer. I learned how asphalt is put in and how it is maintained.

My long-term goals are to end up in upper management of a company and to start my own construction company. I am also planning on getting a Master's degree in Finance. Some hobbies of mine are spending time with family and friends and playing golf, football, and baseball.