



2019-2020 Scholarship Recipient

Gene Colin Two-Year Scholarship



Harrison Houser

Final Year, Wood Technology Center Seattle Central College

My name is Harrison Houser and I am in my final year of the carpentry program at the Wood Technology Center at Seattle Central Community College. Intentionality in your work, dedication to quality, and striving to never stop learning--these are the values I strive for and the foundation of my desire to become a master carpenter. By enrolling in the carpentry program, I have taken a necessary step toward achieving this goal. Through the program, I have been able to pursue a career that truly aligns with my strengths and passions.

Throughout my entire life I have grown up surrounded by extremely hardworking people who have all inspired me to follow my passions, invest in my career, and understand the importance of giving back to the community. After graduating college in 2015, I volunteered for two years to serve the country and community through the AmeriCorps service program. This entailed restoring and conserving forests and waterway habitats within urban cityscapes. My AmeriCorps experience truly opened my eyes to the immense impact we as humans have on our environment, as well as the wide range of possibilities when it comes to action we could take to lessen our impact through commercial and residential building. I'm inspired to combine my goal of becoming a master craftsman with the sustainable building practices and growing technology being implemented here in Washington State. The melding of my upbringing and work/volunteer experiences inspires me to work in the construction industry, where I believe my strengths and ideologies will truly develop.