
MINNESOTA YOUTH SUCCESS STORY: SHAWN

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Shawn Rumble is a hard-working 17 year old from Apple Valley. He will be a senior at Eastview High School in the coming school year, but he plans to graduate early since he will complete all of his graduation requirements by the end of the first semester.

Shawn learned about Tree Trust from his school. The summer of 2012 was his first summer working with the Summer Youth Employment Program, as well as his first job. He considers it to have been a valuable experience because “it helps with responsibility and knowing what you want to progress into, like if you want to go into landscaping or construction.”

He felt appreciated by passersby who “just come by and say thank you” for the work that he and his co-workers are doing in Dakota County recreation areas. Shawn enjoyed the program and would recommend it to his friends because the program “is hard work, and helps with determination, and not wanting to give up.”

Shawn likes his crew and thinks that the crew members are good at working together and getting along with one another. He credits Lee, his crew leader with the good relationships among his crew members. “I like him, I think he’s a good boss...he’s really nice and respectful. If something happens he’ll listen to you, try to hear where you’re coming from if you tell him something.”

This experience will be valuable for Shawn’s future. He plans to be a mechanic or own a restaurant and thinks that his Tree Trust experience was good practice for having a full-time job in the future. “It’s been a really good experience working with everybody, meeting new people, just learning how to have responsibility. It’s just been really fun.”

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