

Q&A with Karl Jensen
2022 Thomas K. Evans Memorial Scholarship semi-finalist

High School: Jensen Home School

Secondary education plans/major: Electrical engineering at Valparaiso University

What inspires or excites you most about learning? My educational goals have always been to expand my own understanding of how things work. I have always had a fascination with how technology could benefit others and how things could be improved. This interest grew and I began taking apart a wider variety of small electronics and appliances including radios, microwaves, printers, computers, hard drives, and even a clothes dryer. Because most of these items were not working, I began to think about how I could solve the problems and bring them back into use. So, I believe that my curiosity sparks my creativity and drives my exploration for knowledge.

What is an accomplishment in your life that you're most proud of thus far? Achieving Eagle Scout is a crowning achievement for anyone, but I have found that working hard to pay for and go to the National and World Jamboree was the most memorable accomplishment for me. This was because I learned to run my own business and how to manage money.

Why did you decide to apply for the Thomas K. Evans Memorial Scholarship? My family has not been in a position to afford very much that was not necessary. A major issue that has impacted my parents' ability to save money for my college education is that both of my parents have fought cancer. I did not want my parents to be in debt just to pay for my college education, so I have been applying for multiple scholarships as well as working for FedEx for the past year. I have saved over \$5,000 to pay for school supplies.

How does it feel to be chosen as a semi-finalist/recipient? I'm glad that I was accepted as a recipient of this scholarship. This will really help me to pay for college and further my education.

Future goals and aspirations? I wish to make a change in the world by improving technology and inventing ways to help others.