

New Jersey Youth Corps of Sussex County

Serving Sussex & Northern Warren County

I hated high school. I always felt like I could learn better on my own. I was impatient to get into the workforce, so I dropped out when I was 16 and I started working immediately. I had lots of odd jobs, like stocking grocery stores, landscaping, maintenance, and driving a forklift. I ended up as a brake assembler for New Jersey Transit. I got injured on the job and had to quit.

I decided to get my education so I could become a biologist. I had the opportunity and the push to go. It was like a sign that I could go out and live my dream. I want to make my own contributions to science instead of fulfilling someone else's dreams.

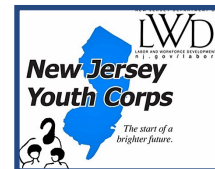
In biology, I love the fact that there are so many different living things on our planet and we are all connected. We can solve engineering problems by looking at bodies of organisms.

I like learning in an environment like this, where I am being taught rather than self-taught. I felt like I had to teach myself in high school. It is up close and personal teaching here. I will miss the teachers here, but I will always be learning.

I'm a hands-on kind of guy. I like hiking, painting, and sculpting. I use things that I find in nature and turn them into art or sculptures. I have three kids and none of them are afraid of bugs because I catch little insects and describe them. In my free time I like looking at things in microscopes, seeing if I could actually classify them.

Before the New Jersey Youth Corps, I was lost and didn't know what I wanted to do in life. Now the future is clear and I know where I am going to head.

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