

National Youth Safety Essay Scholarship Contest Winner

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I was introduced to OSHA through my robotic team's sponsor. My robotics team was getting ready to participate in the first Tech Challenge 2016-2017 competition, but in order to participate everyone on the team needed some sort of safety education. That's when our team's sponsor decided that the CareerSafe OSHA General Industry course was the most fitting program to teach us about safety.

I originally thought that OSHA was going to be a tiresome program that repeated the standard, run-of-the-mill safety hazards. However, as soon as I started the 10-hour course I actually found OSHA really interesting. OSHA has opened my eyes to how many young workers lose their lives in the workplace. On average, 15 workers die every day from job related injuries. After completing the 10-hour course, I can confidently say that OSHA has taught me how to be prepared in the workplace and how to spot and avoid dangerous hazards.

What I've learned from OSHA is currently being applied in my life. For example, I occasionally work with my father in home remodeling. Whenever I work with him, I point out potential hazards and remind him to wear his PPE, or Personal Protective Equipment. By being around the home remodeling environment, I'm able to apply what I learned from the safety course.

Safety training will remain important to me in the near future. My credential of completion of the OSHA 10-Hour General Industry course will prove to be beneficial whenever I start to apply to jobs in the engineering field. With the credential I will have a higher chance of getting hired since more and more employers are looking for employees with safety training. The OSHA credential will allow me to obtain a job in a very competitive field. As a future engineer, the OSHA credential won't only help me get hired, but it'll also help me stay safe in the workplace.

I'm very grateful for the opportunity I was given to take the OSHA 10-Hour course. It's an honor to be OSHA certified and obtaining the credential is one of my greatest achievements.