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Umpqua Community College Engineering Scholarship Veterans Scholarship

I spent my formative years bouncing around small towns on Oregon's Southern coast. Trying to find direction in my life after high school i decided to enlist in the military. For five years I served in the United States Marine Corps as a helicopter crew chief. During that time, I saw the world, was gifted two amazing children, and realized I wanted a little less excitement in my life.

So, with my wife and two young children I moved back to one of the most beautiful places on Earth, Oregon. The Marine Corps instilled into me some fantastic qualities, and after coming home to Oregon I couldn't shake the need to do great things or to help people. I spent some time researching a new focus for my life. Finally I decided that a career in engineering would provide me the ability to help shape our world for the better, and perhaps even offer up some exciting new experiences on occasion. So, in the fall of 2015 I began taking classes at Umpqua Community College with a plan to transfer on to a university. Since then I've been on the President's list every term and am this year's Engineering Club president. This new life as a student accompanied with raising two small children has been extremely challenging, but I know these experiences will help me to be a better father, husband, and human being.

