

Why The Edwin Marsh Scholarship is Important to Me

The Edwin Marsh Scholarship is important to me because it grants me the opportunity to be a part of something bigger than myself, along with the opportunity to further my academic and athletic success on a higher level than I thought possible for myself. Being a part of a roofing union has allowed me to learn a sense of independence, confidence, and pride I do not think I would have today without the 3am mornings and physical labor roofing entails. Being given deadlines and no room for “slack”, not to mention the others counting on you to not only show up but work hard is an experience I was lucky enough to have to help shape the person I'm trying to become. Some see trades as the “easy” way out or a last resort but trades, roofing specifically, has been putting food on my family's table for over 20 years. The environment being a roofer offers alone will make you a better person, knowing you are working with people who have had very different walks of life and getting to hear those walks and learn from them. The experience of working with people 5, 10, and 20 years older than me is one I would not trade and has most definitely made me a better man.

Now, I am embarrassed to say I did not know who Edwin Marsh was before having to write this essay but I can confidently say after researching Mr. Marsh it would be very hard to forget who he was along with the impact he made. Edwin Marsh was a veteran of World War II, and served for 15 years in the U.S. Maritime Service. Along with being a lifelong member of Linnwood Church of Christ. Mr. Marsh was president of Indiana State Roofers Council 233, secretary-treasurer of Tippecanoe County Building Trades Council, and was fourth vice-president of Indiana State Building Trades Council, He was a man of earned importance. Mr. Marsh made an impact and I feel that is evident given the only reason you are hearing from

me is because of him. I'm sure you all know this but that is why this scholarship is important to me, It's bigger than me. Being a recipient of this scholarship gives me the opportunity to represent so much more than myself and my family but Edwin Marsh's lifelong dedication to his country and roofing.

Personally, being awarded anything would be something I take pride in but being able to be a Edwin Marsh Scholar would be something I honor. Representing his impact on a community I have the utmost respect for and hold a lot of personal pride in would be an honor. I see myself making an impact in the future, maybe not as big of an impact we all just read about but an impact big or small is still an impact. This scholarship would most definitely give me the opportunity to do so.