

Alyssa Farnes

12th Grade

Thunder Ridge High School

What Drives You? Eastern Idaho Teen Driver Scholarship Program

Everything I reach for and accomplish, whether in my academic or personal pursuits, is for a reason. This reason is my desire for success. I gained this desire for prosperity when I first considered where I wanted to be in 20 years. I have been blessed and inspired by strong women in my life that have been examples of perseverance and dedication, even amid trials or uncertainty. The success that they earned because of their hard work has inspired me and my goals. I want to achieve what they have done and more. I want to have the means to support a relatively large family while pursuing a profession that I love. Because of this long-term goal, I have taken steps to accomplish multiple short-term goals.

I have an educational goal of graduating from Idaho State University with a 3.50 minimum GPA (4.0 scale). I am going to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Geology with an Engineering Emphasis. I have been accepted to the Honors Program, which will enable me to pursue further academic excellence. During my time at ISU, I will participate in as many hands-on labs and research projects as possible. After I earn my Bachelor's degree, I plan to next pursue a Master's degree. I also want to be involved in extracurricular activities such as choir and outdoor clubs.

I plan to accomplish these goals by being dedicated to my work. I am practicing now to manage my time well so that I can earn everything I set my eyes on. One step I have already taken towards my goals is paying close attention to my current high school studies. I have earned a 4.00 in middle school and a 3.98 in high school, so I plan to continue that same commitment and perseverance. My experience as an Engineering Major at ISU will prepare me for the demands of a Master's degree and a promising career after that.

By achieving these educational goals, I will be able to better pursue my career goals. I want to have a job in the engineering field. I love the natural world and I hope to study it and its connections to humans and our society. By researching these connections, I will be able to improve the way we interact with the environment. For example, cities often have geotechnical problems that require analysis, data collection, and problem-solving skills. With my skills in geological engineering, I aspire to create solutions that protect both the environment and people all over the world.

With a drive for success and a plan to achieve it, I know that I will be unstoppable. As I pursue each of these goals, my drive to be successful will always be with me. Though the women in my

life that inspired it will not always be near, their examples and the drive they exhibited will always be held close to my heart.