

Essay by Will Ambach for the Ambach Scholarship at FBC Needham

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Dear Scholarship Selection Committee,

The Ambach Scholarship would help me greatly as I work toward my future educational goals and career choice. I applied for this scholarship, because this scholarship is in my great grandmother's name, Elenore Ambach. Elenore was a member of the First Baptist Church for many years.

I want to share my college essay as I believe this shows my faith, my work ethic and how I like to help others...

When I was little, I could not wait to be able to use the ride on lawn mower that my father and brother Cole used to mow the lawn. It was not so much about mowing the lawn it was about driving the lawn mower. Finally, the day arrived, and I got to drive the lawn mower by myself and now that job became mine! At the time, I did not realize what the next few years had in store for me... My freshman year of high school, I decided that I want to start making some money, however I was only fourteen and it was hard to get a job at this young age. It was at this time I thought, *why don't I start a little lawn mowing business in my neighborhood*. There were several neighbors with little kids and busy schedules, as well as a few elderly people. I asked a few of my neighbors if they wanted their lawn done, one said yes, and the other said no. After a few weeks, the neighbor that originally said no, saw how I was good at mowing, he finally came back and hired me. That summer I had three clients and when winter came, I asked if they wanted me to snow blow their driveways. Now I was earning money in the summer and winter and I could make my own schedule to fit in my schoolwork and sports. I picked up a few more over the next couple years and was making good money and helping others. I now had a small lawn care and snow removal business, I never really thought about having a name for my business until I thought about an instance with one of my neighbors when I started mowing their lawn. They were new to the country and were learning the English language. For a very long time they called me Nicholas, I would always tell them that my name was Will but they would still call me Nicholas, and one year they gave me a Christmas card and it was addressed to Nicholas. My family and friends thought it was funny and started calling me and my business Nicholas' Lawn Care. My neighbors will recommend me to others and tell them my name is Nicholas. Now all my clients and neighbors were calling me Nicholas. My hard work in the neighborhood has really paid off. This summer I was hired to mow a lawn in the next town, which is almost the size of a big field. This has brought my total to six lawns that I take care of, and I expanded my business to trimming trees, mulching, cleaning, and power washing houses.. I have even hired a few of my friends on the big jobs.

My small little business has taught me a lot, it is not just about the money, I think that this experience really helped me become more mature, more hardworking, and more responsible. I have learned many great skills that will be valuable to me though life. I know how to interact with adults, manage my time and money and have great negotiating skills!! When people say they work at Target or somewhere, I think to myself, *That's cool but I built my own business at the age of sixteen* . This makes me proud of myself and makes me feel that I can do anything that the world throws at me. **I have faith in myself!**