



BENJAMIN COLLINS

Scholarship

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KEY SKILLS

- Public speaking (student council presentations, watershed volunteer training)
- Budgeting and expense reconciliation
- Field data collection (water quality sampling)
- Microsoft Excel and Google Sheets
- AutoCAD (introductory, through summer engineering camp)
- Conversational Tamil
- Team leadership (varsity cross country co-captain, senior year)
- Grant application writing (contributor)

ABOUT ME

High school senior at Northgate Preparatory applying to civil engineering programs with a focus on sustainable water infrastructure. Four years of varsity cross country, two years as student council treasurer, and 280+ documented volunteer hours with a local watershed nonprofit.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Student Council Treasurer

Northgate Preparatory High School, Bellevue, WA | 2023 - Present

- Track a \$17,400 annual student activities budget across 11 clubs and 4 grade-level events, reconciling monthly against the school bookkeeper's ledger.
- Rewrote the reimbursement request form after noticing officers were waiting 3-4 weeks for repayment; new form cut average turnaround to under 8 days.
- Present quarterly budget updates to the full council and post a plain-language summary in the student newsletter.
- Co-led a spring fundraiser that netted proceeds for a sister school in Guatemala, coordinating vendor payments and cash handling for 6 volunteers.

Volunteer Field Assistant

Sammamish Watershed Alliance, Bellevue, WA | 2022 - Present

- Logged 280+ hours across two seasons on stream restoration crews planting native riparian species and pulling invasive Himalayan blackberry.
- Trained 9 middle school volunteers on water quality sampling protocol (temperature, pH, turbidity) during summer camp weekends.
- Co-authored a one-page site report on the Kelsey Creek pilot planting that the program director shared with the King County grant reviewer.
- Drove to sites on Saturday mornings without missing a scheduled shift for 18 straight months.

Barista, Part-Time

Cedar Grove Coffee Co., Bellevue, WA | Summer 2023, 2024

- Worked 22-28 hours per week during summer breaks, handling cash and card transactions and closing the register 3 nights per week.
- Contributed roughly half of summer earnings toward a laptop for college and standardized test prep courses.
- Trained two incoming summer hires on drink builds and health-code food handling.

EDUCATION

Northgate Preparatory High School, Bellevue, WA, Expected June 2025

Class rank 12 of 318 with top marks in math and science courses

Recognized as a top scorer on college entrance exams and advanced coursework across multiple subjects

Relevant coursework: advanced calculus, mechanics-focused physics, environmental science, and honors statistics