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Jordan Larson

Recent GED Recipient

Army National Recruit

Jordan has been a resident of Kalkaska approximately nine years. He dropped out of high school in 2002 and didn't have much work experience either. In April 2005, Jordan joined the Kalkaska Michigan Works! Learning Lab and became a participant in the Youth Employment and Training program. At the time, Jordan also had no work experience and no income. He participated in the summer work experience program as a cashier and stock person with Kalkaska Area Interfaith Resources (KAIR) where he gained valuable employment experience and earned a training wage to help with his living expenses.

Success Story: Jordan Larson

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expenses. Jordan found that he was limited by his lack of school diploma and made up his mind to obtain his GED. He attended the Learning Lab three or four times a week and received the help and encouragement of both the Learning instructor and youth advisor. Jordan successfully prepared to take the GED examination and received his GED certificate past March 30. Jordan is planning on entering the Army National Guard in June and he knows that he could not have done so without his GED. His recruiter, Sgt. Prosser, states he will receive a \$20,000.00 enlistment bonus and GI Bill benefits to pay for college just for signing up and going.

When asked what education meant to him, Jordan states, "Without my GED, I was going no where. Now I have options."

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