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Coda Lankin, John Evans Engineering Entrance Scholarship

This September, I will be entering Integrated Engineering at Western University. I've wanted to be an engineer for many years and I am humbled by being selected as the John Evans Scholarship Award winner. Being awarded this scholarship provides me with further encouragement as I take on the challenges ahead. Additionally, this scholarship will give me significant financial support which will help me focus on extending my community outreach into my first year of school.

My interests are designing, construction, competitive swimming, and working as a lifeguard. This summer, I will be a senior instructor for Western Engineering Outreach. During this FIRST Robotics season, I was appointed both Build and Safety captains of my high school robotics team - we participated in the 2023 FIRST Ontario Provincial Championship after winning gold and third place in two district competitions. I led outreach sessions for youth in elementary schools and Girl Guides providing mentorship in engineering activities related to electronics, robot design, and building.

For my community, my sister and I raised over \$4400 for our local food bank by launching and promoting a fundraising campaign. In addition, I used my opportunities as a HOBY youth leader and as a London Rotary Club representative to attend the Adventures in Citizenship 2022 conference in Ottawa to raise awareness about food insecurity.

As a SHAD alumni, I experienced a unique blend of hands-on learning, design team collaboration, and the opportunity to engage with academic and entrepreneurial engineering mentors. I am also a member of the Junior Optimist Organization, where I placed first in both the Oratorical and Essay contests in 2022.

I am eager to move forward with my chosen engineering career path and continue to network and understand how I can further contribute to women in engineering and support women in my community.