

# PERSONAL STATEMENT

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My parents tell me that when I was younger, my favorite phrase to use was, "there has got to be an easier way to do this." Necessity is the mother of invention, and my determination to make life easier has led me to create numerous solutions to try and simplify daily tasks. I didn't know it at the time, but it was that mentality that would drive me towards engineering in the future. My parents had always hoped that I would take over the family business and study something related to management, but after my pre-engineering courses taken in high school, I know the path that I hope to take. I want to put my creativity and curiosity to work as an engineer, and an Engineering degree from Lasham University will give me the training and credentials I need to succeed in the field.

As an engineer, I learned that it is most important to continue to create despite how many failures are encountered. Throughout my pre-engineering track in high school, I have experienced multiple setbacks, including one which destroyed months of work with a single mistake. Sometimes, projects completely failed due to poor design, implementation, or both. However, I have learned to take those in stride and learn from past mistakes in order to forge a better product at the end. Despite having corrupted the source code for my underwater robot a week before the competition, I managed to salvage the parts and create a better robot based on the design of the first, which won me first place in the 2015 Seacrest Robotics Competition.

Engineering is a difficult major, and I do not pretend to expect an easy ride throughout my years in college. However, I believe my strong physics, science, computer science, and engineering background will give me an excellent foundation on which to build further studies. I look forward to taking advantage of all that Lasham University has to offer, including extracurricular activities tailored for engineers with similar interests. I am greatly interested in pairing with a faculty member to also conduct research, using my knowledge and skills to potentially make life easier to people around the world. That pursuit of efficiency is what drove me to the field of engineering in the first place; it would be an honor to use it to also bring much-needed innovation to the community.