

Cheston Coffin

Age: 25

Job Title: Project Manager, Metal and Art

Company Name: TMC Inc.

College: Southeast Community College, Milford

Degree or Certification: Associates in Tool and Die



What does your company do?

We are a manufacturing job shop with a few products of our own (National Serial chemistry equipment and National Walking Sprinkler) I work in the custom metal design division called Metal and Art.

What attracted you to the company?

The ownership and management are superb and the company offers wonderful benefits and perks.

Please list some of your duties:

I am a project Manager for Metal and Art. Essentially, I correspond with customers and take care of necessary drawing and modeling.

What are the best/most interesting things about your job?

In my division I get to do a little of everything (machining, welding, modeling etc.) We never work on a production job. Everyday is different.

What is the most rewarding thing about your job?

Seeing people use and enjoy what I have made.

How did you decide on this career path?

In high school I wasn't sure what I would be doing for a career. One day I happened to walk by Gary Hinckley's machine shop class at Lincoln High and saw some of the neat things I could create. After that well, as they say, the rest is history.

What kind of school, classes, and training most prepared you with the necessary skills?

Math is a definite must, lots of computer knowledge, since everything seems to be that way now, and any sort of critical thinking or problem solving skills.

Do you make a good living?

(A specific \$ amount is not necessary, but we'd like to know how you feel about your standard of living, i.e., the things you can afford, such as a new home or vehicle, savings, investments, entertainment, etc.)

With the career I have chosen I have been able to purchase a home, provide my wife with a wonderful wedding, and financially secure our future.

What kind of salary and benefits can a new employee at your company expect?

At TMC Inc you can expect competitive wages and a top-notch insurance and 401(K) plan.

What kind of technology do you use and interact with?

Modeling software, CNC machinery, the most up to date manufacturing equipment

What advice would you give to students who are undecided on a career choice?

Check out manufacturing, it offers great wages, top of the line technology, and the ability to work in almost any industry.

Finally, what do you think makes you a good Dream Team candidate?

I'm enthusiastic about my career and my experience of stumbling into the field is a said way to get here. Most kids never see how great the manufacturing industry is and I'd like to help spread the word.