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My name is Eva Salas, and I'm a 12th-grade student at the Early College STEM Academy. My home high school is East High School. I'm female and autistic. Through Maydm's internship program, I was able to complete two internships:

1. Help Desk Intern for Promega (summer 2022)
2. Drafter Intern for Phoenix International (summer 2021)

Both internships were valuable to me as they allowed me to experience what it's like to work and apply my skills in a real-world setting. At Phoenix International, I learned so much about nuclear science while applying my Solidworks skills to model 3D components. One of the components that I designed was even manufactured and used. At Promega, I learned about computer networking as well as agile frameworks and computer programming. I know that when I look for my first full-time job after college, I will be at an advantage since I've already worked at prominent Madison companies.

I hope you will provide Maydm with the funding that they have requested. As an autistic person, I needed the support the program provided me to help me find a job and then teach me how to be a successful employee. As I apply to colleges this year, I know that I want to be a Mechanical Engineer because I've done that work and I liked it. Only a third of adults with autism find meaningful employment and I know because I participated in the Maydm internship program, I'm in a much better position to pursue my dreams of becoming an engineer.

Thank you,
Eva Salas