

Brian Sears

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Education / Certifications

Cybersecurity Specialist Associate Degree

Expected May 2026

Fox Valley Technical College | Appleton, WI

- GPA 3.79 | Dean's List - 2024 Fall / 2025 Spring

Microsoft Office Certification – Excel/Word/PowerPoint

Professional Skills

- **Operating Systems & Tools** - Windows OS / Linux (Basic CLI) / Active Directory / Microsoft Office Suite
- **Networking & Protocols** - TCP/IP / OSI Model / Wireshark / Nmap
- **Cybersecurity** - Cybersecurity awareness / Basic threat identification / Secure computing practices
- **Command Line Proficiency** - Basic navigation and scripting in Windows PowerShell and Linux Bash
- **System Administration** - User account management / Group policy familiarity / Troubleshooting AD environment

Experience

Laborer | Willard Harris Sawmill | Wabeno, WI

June 2025 – September 2025

- Operated and maintained industrial sawmill equipment, identifying and resolving mechanical issues in order to keep production running smoothly - demonstrating hands-on troubleshooting, technical awareness, and precision under pressure.
- Followed strict safety protocols while coordinating with team members, ensuring efficient workflow and hazard mitigation - showcasing attention to detail, situational awareness, and collaborative problem-solving, all vital in IT support environments.

Bartender | T&K's Bottoms Up | Wabeno, WI

June 2024 – August 2024

- Provided fast, personalized customer service, resolving issues calmly and professionally - building communication skills essential for tech support.
- Operated and troubleshooted POS systems and bar equipment, demonstrating comfort with technical tools and quick problem-solving under pressure.

Laborer | JP Stump & Tree LLC | Wabeno, WI

June 2022 – August 2023

- Worked safely and efficiently in hazardous environments, using tools and equipment to remove trees and debris - demonstrating technical precision, situational awareness, and adherence to protocols, all essential in IT support and system maintenance.
- Collaborated with team members to assess risks, plan removals, and solve on-site challenges, building strong communication and problem-solving skills under pressure - directly applicable to diagnosing and resolving technical issues with users and systems.

Awards / Achievements

- High School Valedictorian - 2024
- National Lions Club Honor Award - 2022 / 2023 / 2024
- National Honor Society - 2023 / 2024
- National Cyber League - Present