

# Ben Soyka

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## Summary

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Creative and motivated undergraduate computer science student looking forward to gaining real-life industry experience in a fast-paced team. Passionate about guiding others through all things technology and excited to leverage skills learned in classes and activities to help other people.

## Education

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**BS**    **University of Minnesota - Twin Cities**, Computer Science

Minneapolis, MN

- Cumulative GPA: 3.77
- Anticipated graduation: Dec 2027

Aug 2024 – present

## Skills

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**Programming Languages:** Python, Java, R, C, OCaml, HTML, JavaScript, CSS

**Tools:** Git/GitHub, Docker, Amazon Web Services, macOS, Linux, Windows

## Experience

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**University of Minnesota Housing and Residential Life**, Office Assistant

Minneapolis, MN

- Provide essential support at 24/7 information desks in student residential halls, ensuring efficient customer service while also responding to building emergencies.
- Work independently during overnight and late-hour shifts, demonstrating reliability and independence.

Jan 2025 – present

1 year

## Projects

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**Wikipedia Editing Bot**

Mar 2022 – present

- Used Python to develop several scripts that perform daily automated edits on the English Wikipedia through the MediaWiki API.
- Reduced errors and mistakes to near-zero as the bot has performed over 20,000 trivial edits on live articles, saving human editors valuable time.

Mar 2022 – present

**Personal Website**

Aug 2020 – present

- Designed and built a personal landing page from scratch using Astro, Svelte, UnoCSS, and Motion, with a focus on accessibility, responsiveness, and mobile-friendliness.
- Manage the live deployment using Cloudflare Workers.

## Activities and Leadership

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**UMN Twin Cities Rotaract Club**, Vice President, Past Communications Coordinator

Minneapolis, MN

- Assist in leading an active student organization dedicated to volunteering with various community initiatives in the Minneapolis area.
- Elected as president for the 2026–2027 academic year.
- Previously managed professional email communications to over 200 club members.

Sept 2024 – present

**UMN Rocket Team**, Member, Special Projects Subteam

Minneapolis, MN

- Research, develop, and test high-powered amateur rocketry projects focused on testing new concepts, including two-stage flights.
- Designed, built, and launched a personal rocket used to earn a Level 1 certification from the Tripoli Rocketry Association.

Sept 2025 – present

**UMN Science and Engineering Student Board**, Mental Health Subdirector

- Worked with other college-level student and administrative leadership to plan events that promoted positivity in the University of Minnesota community.

Minneapolis, MN

Sept 2024 – May 2025

**Awards**

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**UMN College of Science and Engineering Dean's List**

Minneapolis, MN

Recognized in two semesters for "superior academic performance."

**Operation Homefront Military Child of the Year Semifinalist**

Jan 2024

Awarded for positively impacting local military families, schools, and communities.

**Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout**

Oct 2023

Demonstrated long-term leadership, initiative, and commitment to community service.

**US Army Civilian Service Achievement Medal**

El Paso, TX

Awarded for supporting morale activities for thousands of military family members.

Apr 2022