



Appian's Jacob Sheffield Follows His Dreams

For the past 2 years Jacob has been a real asset to Appian as one of our CAD Design Trainees; he is a very gifted young man. His attention to detail and meticulousness is unwavering. He has a willingness to take on new challenges and is a true team player and we are fortunate to have him.

Jacob is one of six children of which were all home schooled. He has a true love for music and has followed that dream. Jacob was invited to join the Tennessee Bluegrass Band and here is what they had to say about him.



The Tennessee Bluegrass Band

From eastern North Carolina, our guitar player and lead singer is the youngest of the two Sheffield brothers, Mr. Jacob Sheffield. He is 18 years old and

one of the finest lead and tenor voices in the music today. He and his brother Josiah really round out the group with their pure "brother harmony." Jacob is an accomplished musician on several instruments and can sing most any part.

Jacob began learning violin when he was eight years old. He has always been someone who loves music and has a passion for bluegrass. After playing the violin for two years, he picked up the mandolin; and soon after the guitar, self-taught on both instruments. Some of his biggest influences include Tony Rice, Earl Scruggs, Alison Krauss, and Ricky Skaggs.

From a young age, Jacob found himself singing in church and with his family. With his grandparents, he frequented Bluegrass jams in the area, where he grew in his skills as both an instrumentalist and vocalist. In 2018, he began taking lessons with his brother, Josiah, from Jan Johansson of Cary, North Carolina. There the band Bull Run was formed. Jacob played the mandolin and sang the high tenor part. Bull Run won first place in band at the Abingdon Fiddlers Convention in 2022 and 2024. He is thankful to be a part of this talented group of guys and he gives God the glory for his musical gift.