



Scholars Take Flight Scholar

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College: University of New Hampshire

2024-2025: Freshman

Major: Political Science

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Varsity & Travel Baseball Team
- Rho Kappa National History Honor Society
- Scouting Group Senior Patrol Leader
- Alter Server Volunteer
- Founder of Online Tropical Fish Business
- Baseball Umpire
- Trout in the Classroom Participant
- Teachers Assistant, Algebra Tutor



I am beyond grateful to receive the Wings over America Foundation Scholarship. I am attending college out-of-state, which increases the financial burden on my family, and this scholarship helps alleviate the burden of college for me and helps ensure that there will be enough money left over to send my younger sister to college and give my parents a comfortable retirement. Growing up near Baltimore and rural Appalachia opened my eyes to the economic hardships and environmental inequalities of many communities. The stark contrast between neighborhoods in our region has been particularly noticeable. Poor neighborhoods are much less likely to have access to quality education or transportation that is necessary to get well-paying jobs that could help reduce poverty. This experience has defined my academic and career goals to work in public service to improve living conditions locally, nationally, and internationally. To help prepare me for this career goal, I plan to major in Political Science and hope to gain practical experience through an internship at a non-governmental organization, aid group, or on a political staff. Upon graduation, I hope to continue working for one of these groups, in the hopes of improving the economic standing of the people around me and ensuring that their lives are easier and happier.