



John & Karen Griffing Scholar

Cadence Barker

Bangkok, Thailand

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College: Sciences Po France

2022-2023: Freshman

Major: Politics and Government

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Dance Team
- Juno Service Group: 11th & 12th Leader
- Art Relief Crew Service Group
- Golf Team
- US Embassy Bangkok: Summer Internship



I will forever be grateful for the navy because my dad's career as a naval aviator is what brought us to Bangkok. Experiencing his work as the naval attaché to Thailand is what piqued my interest in political science, which is something I may have never had the opportunity to study otherwise. I've found that I want to work in international relations and diplomacy, with focus on international crises and conflicts, and am planning to work for the US Department of State. I've had the privilege of traveling around the world for most of my life, and it's really shaped who I am as a person, which is why I'm planning on continuing it in the future, starting with my undergraduate degree at Sciences Po in France. To get the schooling that I need can be quite expensive, especially as I know that I want to do a masters at an American university, and the scholarship that I've received from WOASF will be instrumental. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation and all the donors who have contributed to the foundation for giving me and the other recipients the chance to pursue our goals. Throughout high school, I've focused a lot of my studies on the representation of women in politics and the roles that we play in shaping foreign policy, and this scholarship allows me to be one step closer to creating the change that I wish to see.