

*USS THEODORE
ROOSEVELT (CVN 71)
CPO Mess Scholar*

Giazelle Gonzalez

Chesapeake, VA

Hickory High School

James Madison University

Major: Music Education

Activities:

- ❖ Marching Band, Section Leader (11th and 12th)
- ❖ Theatre Musical Pit
- ❖ Wind Ensemble, 1st Chair
- ❖ Volunteer: Chesapeake Humane Society, Hickory HS Craft Fair, South Eastern Virginia Music Games
- ❖ Year-Round Employment: Cinema Café, Food Runner & Expo



Not having an education has never been an option. I have always known that at a minimum I had to graduate from high school, as it is hard for me to imagine life without an education. If I did not have one at this point in my life, I assume I would be working and trying to make a living and possibly struggling financially. Now that I have been accepted to attend the prestigious School of Music at James Madison University and with the help of scholarships like the USS Theodore Roosevelt Chief's Mess, I will be able to pursue my dream of music education and eventually share my music passion and knowledge with our next generation. With both my sister and I attending college at the same time, having scholarship help will be essential in both of us being able to attend college. Without the help, I am not sure my parents would be able to afford paying for my college education. I will forever be grateful for the help provided, especially from an organization where my father proudly served as a young Chief Petty Officer.