



# The Wingman Foundation LT Wes Van Dorn Memorial & Theodore Roosevelt Association Scholar



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Major: Mechanical Engineering

I would like to begin by thanking the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation for awarding me this scholarship. As the youngest of 3 children to a government employee and teacher, I do not qualify for financial need-based scholarships, but I have limited means to support the financial burden of attending college. However, with this scholarship I will be afforded the opportunity to lower the cost of attending a world-renowned university. With the ability to attend Duke University I plan to earn a mechanical engineering degree with a certificate in aerospace engineering and peruse a career in aircraft design for the United States Navy. In addition to studying, I will also be swimming as a part of the Duke University men's swimming and diving team; thus, limiting my free time and availability to obtain a job to financially support my education. Moreover, being awarded this scholarship allows me to stay connected to my military roots as I prepare to venture off on my own for the very first time.