



Navy Federal Credit Union Scholar

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I would like to begin by saying thank you to everyone with the Wings Over America and Maritime Patrol Association scholarships and the generous donors that support my fellow recipients and I. Receiving this scholarship award helps to eliminate one of the main obstacles to reaching my academic and professional goals. For quite some time I have known that I want to pursue a career in the medical field. After my experience in the Biomedical Scholars program at my school and sustaining an injury, I have decided to become an occupational therapist. This allows me to continue my passion for helping others through helping people relearn everyday life skills and regain a normal lifestyle. My acceptance to Duquesne University's occupational therapy program means either five years to a master's degree or six to a doctorate. With this scholarship, I will be able to focus more time on my education and less time worrying about the financial burden of college.