



Abby Furco Memorial Scholar

Delaney Estes

Virginia Beach, VA

Sponsor: CAPT Trevor Estes

College: Mississippi State University

2022-2023: Freshman

Major: Early Childhood Education

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Varsity Sideline Cheerleading: Captain, 12th Grade
- Varsity Competition Cheerleading: Captain 12th Grade
- Student Body Government: Special Events Co-Chair
- Spirit Club: Vice President, 11th Grade
- Internship at Linkhorn Park Elementary School: Teacher Assistant
- Babysitter & Tutor



Ever since I was little, I knew I wanted to follow my siblings' footsteps in going to college, getting a degree, and becoming successful. With receiving a Wings Over America Scholarship, I am one step closer to achieving these three goals. When deciding on what college I wanted to attend, I knew I wanted to go South. I looked at Texas, Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and finally, Mississippi. However, the state my mind kept thinking about was Mississippi. It might have had to do with the fact that my brother lived there, and he loved it so much, but I soon developed a love of my own. I applied and got accepted into both Mississippi State University and University of Mississippi. When it came down to visiting these gorgeous schools, I fell instantly in love with Mississippi State. With receiving this WOASF scholarship, I will be able to achieve my first goal of going to college at such an amazing school like Mississippi State University. I knew that I wanted to do something that could influence and change the lives of others. So, I looked back on who has influenced me the most, and besides my family, the answer was all my teachers. Ever since making this realization, my heart has been set on teaching. With this WOASF scholarship, I will be able to achieve my second and third goal. I will get a degree in Early Childhood Education, and hopefully will be able to become successful by doing the thing I love most: teaching. As the youngest of four children, who have all gone to college out of state, this scholarship is immensely helpful to my family and I. I am incredibly thankful for what Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation is providing for me financially. I am happy to go into college, with my three goals in mind, knowing that I have a little less to worry about due to this scholarship.