



## Closeout 602 Scholar

**Claudia Gemmel**

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Sponsor: CDR David Gemmel Jr.

College: Cedarville University

2022-2023: Freshman

Major: Chemistry

### Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Civil Air Patrol: Cadet Commander 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Private Music Instruction (violin, piano, and voice)
- Southern Maryland Swim League
- Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra and Choir
- Church Youth Ministry Volunteer
- Babysitter & Dog sitter



I am thrilled to be selected as a VAW/VRC Merit scholar. Thank you to all the services members, donors and volunteers who support the organization and make these generous student opportunities possible year after year. While growing up in the Hawkeye/Greyhound family and actively participating in the Civil Air Patrol, I have learned first-hand the importance of commitment, dedication, and hard work. I am grateful for and am inspired by the sacrifices, self-discipline, and selflessness of so many others who have paved the way for our country's future. Upon completion of my studies, I look forward to following in my father and brother's footsteps by serving as a commissioned officer in the military. While I embrace the challenges of attending college, the ever-increasing rate of college tuition adds to those challenges. It is imperative to me to remain fiscally responsible and resourceful. This scholarship will absolutely support that endeavor and will relieve some of my financial burden while I pursue my passion for chemistry at Cedarville University. I look forward to working diligently and representing all that this scholarship embodies.