

Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

John Ruane

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Virginia Commonwealth
University

Year: Junior

Major: Social Work

Activities:

- Spanish Tutor
- Active Minds, Mental Health Awareness Group
- For the Children Outreach Club
- Volunteer: Food Not Bombs Outreach Program
- Summer Employment: 11th Street Tap House, Pastry Chef
- Year-Round Employment: Circle Center Adult Day Services, Black Pelican Seafood Company, Pastry Chef



I am so honored to have been awarded the 2018 Maritime Patrol Association scholarship. Although I am grateful for this award, as a future social worker, I realize there are many people other than myself who need money just like this for survival. There are individuals in this country who need necessities like food, clothing and shelter. I plan on focusing my degree in social work in the realm of child welfare as I truly believe that children are the seeds to our future. I believe that all children should be given a fair start in life, and even though that does not always happen, I believe they deserve a stepping stool, highlighting a path to a better eventuality. Even though this generous scholarship will be applied to my education, in all reality, it is an investment in all the individuals I vow to assist. Thank you for this generous scholarship!