

VAW/VRC Merit Scholar

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Marymount University

Year: Junior

Major: Health Science

Activities:

- Student Nursing Program
- Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society
- Volunteer: Edge, Teen Life and Bible School Instructor at Blessed Sacrament Church, Physical Therapy Assistant at Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters.
- Summer Employment: Tidewater Community College Camp Host
- Year-Round Employment: Marymount University Phonathon and child care provider



Receiving a scholarship through WOASF and the VAW/VRC association means more to me than just paying for an education to pursue my passion. It means all my hard work and persistent dedication has been acknowledged by those who believe I can achieve anything I set my mind to do. The late nights spent in the library, the countless pages read in my textbooks, and the never ending rough drafts have become more meaningful because I know I have the Wings Over America and VAW/VRC organizations helping me through it all. I do not feel pressured to take attention away from my studies trying to pay loans or get the necessary textbooks. I have been offered an opportunity to finish what I set out to accomplish as an undergraduate student. My years of supporting the military as a dependent have not been overlooked, but instead embraced and recognized. This scholarship means that I will be supported through my studies by those I look up to the most.