



Veterans United Foundation Scholar

William Buyske
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Sponsor: CAPT Matthew Buyske

College: Holy Cross University

2024-2025: Freshman

Major: Philosophy & Theology

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Varsity Football
- Band: plays the trombone, piano, snare drum, drumset, and baritone
- Choir: All-South Jersey Honor Choir
- High School Theatre Productions
- Knowledge Bowl Team
- St. Patrick Parish Volunteer
- Employed at Hippo Hot Food Truck



The idea of collegiate life fascinated me as a younger kid. It was hard to imagine myself living apart from my family, choosing the classes I would take, eating meals I selected, and exercising independence over my day-to-day routine. As I grew older, I learned more about college, and grew more excited at the prospect of entering the sphere of postsecondary academics. I began to research colleges, explore programs of study, and compare my options. One of the things I learned very quickly is that college is very expensive. This was a sobering piece of knowledge because I had to begin considering the financial realities of pursuing higher education. Luckily, organizations like the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation provide financial assistance to college applicants in order to lessen that monetary burden. For me, receiving this scholarship means that I can pay my room and board fees without applying for a student loan or working a high-hour job. Without these worries hanging over my head, I have the chance to focus on my studies, putting myself in the best possible position to better my community and the world once I graduate.