



The Wingman Foundation AWSI Jonathan Clement Memorial Scholar

Cooper Wilson

Coronado, CA

Fordham University

2021-2022: Junior

Major: International Studies

Minor: Russian



Receiving a 2021 scholarship award means that I can pursue every opportunity to further my academic career without hesitation. It means that I have the time and means to participate in the Critical Language Scholarship program, an award I received for an intensive Russian language study this summer. The scholarship allows me to invest time and money into building my business—a cocktail recipe app that lets users create and share recipes. Building the app from scratch requires me to recruit and manage graphic designers, animators, and coders; design the function and layout of the app; and create a menu of hundreds of recipes. Receiving a Wings Over America scholarship means that I can pursue my education to its fullest extent, attending lectures and doing additional readings and research outside of class on such interesting topics as race in the context of Russian literature and global democratic backsliding. As the son of a Naval Aviator, I have a profound appreciation for the aviation community and their values of service to the United States. I hope to go into public service, using my accumulated knowledge and experience to give back to the country I so love and appreciate.