



The Wingman Foundation LCDR Charles "JTACz" Walker Memorial Scholar



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Ever since I was a child, I always had my eyes set to the stars, curious about what lies beyond. As an Aerospace Engineer, I dream of designing technologies that will expedite our journey to Mars and beyond. To do so, I will learn how to create aircraft and spacecraft with more energy efficient propulsion systems. As natural resources on our planet become even more scarce, we need new ideas and innovations that will achieve our ambitious goals while simultaneously overcoming the limitations of our planet. Through the development of greener technologies that prioritize efficiency, I hope to lessen our ecological footprint, thereby improving the lives of the entire world. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, my father experienced a massive pay cut, which put a great deal of pressure on me. I was worried that, instead of pursuing my dream to become an Aerospace Engineer, I would need to focus on how I would pay off my tuition. Therefore, without the gracious scholarship award from Wings Over America, I would have struggled to fulfill my ambitious dreams to the fullest capacity. With this scholarship, I hope to share my knowledge with the world, so that other children will stare at the stars and sky in wonder, just as I did. Thank you.