



Navy Federal Credit Union Scholar

Lydia Sticht
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Sponsor: CAPT Jason Sticht

College: University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

2023-2024: Freshman

Major: Physics

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Yearbook Staff
- Art Club earning the General Federation Women Club's Blue Ribbon and "Best in Show" in 2022 and Nebraska Art Region Scholastic Art and Writing Awards "Silver Key" award in 2023.
- Hero Care Packages Volunteer
- Tennis Team earning Varsity Letter Junior year.
- Michaels Cashier and Floor Clerk
- Sip Cha Barista



I would first like to express my gratitude and thanks to the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation (WOASF). Thank you! It is truly a humble honor to receive such a generous scholarship. With this money, I will be able to cut down on what I will need to borrow from student loans. As books, housing, and tuition costs seem to increase yearly, trying to earn and save enough money has been challenging. This scholarship will certainly reduce that burden and has helped lift some of the heavy weight off my shoulders. As a military child, one of the difficulties of moving from place to place every three years is establishing residency. Thus, since I am graduating from high school in Nebraska and going to school in Minnesota, I will be classified as an out-of-state resident and my tuition will be approximately \$15,000 more per year. I know this puts a lot of financial strain on my parents, even though they would never tell me so. To have earned this scholarship, I am genuinely contributing to the costs that my parents will have and that gives me a sense of satisfaction. My parents work hard, and I know they have their own bills to worry about, so I was so happy to be able to surprise them when I told them about this award. Because of the Wings Over America scholarship, I am one step closer to pursuing my dream of becoming an astrophysicist. I am exceptionally grateful; it will help open additional doors to my future.