



Students Taking Flight Scholar

Grant Allen

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Sponsor: CAPT Clifford Allen

College: Northwestern University

2023-2024: Senior

Major: History with Minor in Business

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Rotaract, Northwestern's branch of Rotary International: Treasurer
- Campus Kitchen Northwestern University
- Community Outreach Board of Associated Student Government Northwestern University
- Intramural Sports - Northwestern University
- Employed with Northwestern Performance & Satellite Venues as Student Facilitator
- Enrollment Management Summer Intern EAB



I feel tremendous pride in my family's military service, and receiving the Wings Over America scholarship reinforces for me the pride and commitment towards those who have served. My father served as a Navy helicopter pilot with multiple deployments to the Persian Gulf and Iraq during a period of war. His father served on military supply ships to Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, and his father, my great-grandfather, served as a bomber pilot in Europe during World War II. I appreciate greatly how their sacrifices far from American shores reaffirmed the United States as a force for good in the world, and I hope the sacrifices of so many outstanding military veterans will always be remembered by Americans.

Raised in a Navy family, I lived in fourteen homes in my first eighteen years, and each new place shaped me through diverse and positive influences. I can recall enjoying San Diego's perfect weather, stepping onto Pensacola's white beaches, hiking Virginia's Shenandoah Mountains, crabbing and kayaking in Maryland's Chesapeake Bay, exploring American history around Washington D.C., and marveling at Manhattan's skyscrapers. By living in so many places, I received the gift of knowing that we all share more in common than we often realize, and far more than our differences. To me, this scholarship represents our unity as Americans in honoring both our commitment to veterans and to future generations, and the support makes me extremely proud and appreciative.