

Hotline Construction & Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

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Major: Oceanography with minor in Marine
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College GPA: 4.0

Activities:

- University of Washington Circle K International Club
- University of Washington Students Expressing Environmental Dedication (SEED)
- Coronado HS Varsity Basketball (captain)
- Volunteer: Bryant Elementary School, Hawaii Children's Discovery Center, Miss Coronado Teen USA
- Summer Employment: Fishtail General Store
- Year Round Employment: University of Washington Campus Visit Program



I am overwhelmingly grateful to the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation and the Maritime Patrol Association for this scholarship, as it will allow me to continue my studies and serves as a reminder that there are organizations dedicated to recognizing military personnel and their families. The generosity of these scholarship programs not only greatly benefits my education, but makes funds available for my sisters' post-secondary educational dreams as well. Due to my father's job in the Navy I have grown up next to the Atlantic, Pacific, and the Gulf of Mexico, which fostered a deep passion to study and protect the amazing life residing in our oceans. This scholarship will allow me to continue pursuing my passion for oceanographic research, advocacy, and education. I intend to research marine debris, especially plastic, and how it affects both the lives of sea creatures and humans. I plan to use that research to advocate for reduced plastic use and pressure companies to change their dependence on plastic packaging, and this scholarship will help me do just that. Mahalo nui loa (many thanks) to both associations for helping to support my learning!