



*San Diego Padres Foundation*  
**Randy Jones Scholar**



**Leah Schrum**

Coronado, CA

Sponsor: CAPT Brian Schrum

College: The College of William & Mary

2023-2024: Freshman

Major: American Studies

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Creative Writing Club: Administrator 10th-12th grades
- Coronado School of the Arts, Visual Arts
- National Honors Society
- Year-Round Employment: Fuzziwig's Candy Factory as Cashier, Candy maker and decorator

I am so grateful to be a winner of the 2023 Wings Over America Scholarship. As a military brat, I have had the wonderful opportunity of moving from state to state every few years. While I loved experiencing different climates and zip codes, I'm excited to choose where I want to live from now on. It's been a wild ride living in a Navy household, and I am so thankful for all the character-building and support I've received. This scholarship has been the cherry on top of my Navy experience! With two younger siblings, the four paid years of tuition through the GI Bill are stretched thin. I appreciate the funds towards my tuition, especially as an upcoming out-of-state student at The College of William and Mary. I am excited to explore my intended major, American Studies, throughout the next four years. Plane tickets and other travel expenses from Virginia to California can rack up quickly, so being able to use this money for tuition is greatly appreciated.