



John and Karen Griffing Scholar

Kari McMurray

Virginia Beach, VA

Colleges: Tidewater Community College &
Old Dominion University

2021-2022: Senior

Major: Nursing



Wow, that first year of nursing school was harder than I thought it would be. I am sure that it is difficult for everyone, but adding in virtual learning due to a pandemic, my children learning from home, and the death of my mother-in-law, and this last year was brutal! The support of my husband and children is the only thing that got me through. Of the many things that were made more difficult by the situation the world is in and my commitment to this education, struggling financially was not one of them due to the generosity of the Wings Over America Scholarship. There are not words to convey how thankful I am to have had financial assistance with tuition so that I did not have to work or reappropriate family funds from other commitments. What this scholarship gift means to me is: encouragement and steadfast commitment to seeing myself succeed. It means I can breathe a little easier and have much less stress during a time of life when I am not sure I could handle any more. Thank you, WOA!