



## WOASF Volunteers West Scholar

Cole Hudson  
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Sponsor: CDR James Hudson

College: Texas A&M University

2023-2024: Junior

Major: Recreation, Park and Tourism Science with double  
minor in Military Studies and Park & Natural Resource  
Management

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Corps of Cadets: B-Company Training Sergeant
- Fighting Texas Aggie Band: Drum Section Leader
- Fish Drill Team: National Champion/Advisor
- The Big Event



Having been born into the Naval Aviation community, continuing my education with a Wings Over America Scholarship is very special to me. Finishing my second year of college, I must remind myself to stop and smell the roses. After learning how to conduct myself as an individual, follower, leader, and friend in my first year at Texas A&M, I was blessed with the opportunity of teaching others how to do the same. As a sophomore in the Corps of Cadets, I was tasked with ensuring the success of the incoming freshman class below me, and for that experience, I will be forever grateful. I learned how to coach, take charge, adapt, and most importantly I learned the value of self-sacrifice. Wings continues to give me the confidence to pursue excellence in everything I do both for myself and for others. My family continues to care for my sick grandmother, and the expenses piled on top of that obligation are that much more manageable having this scholarship and support group behind me supporting my career. I still plan to commission into the Marine Corps as a 2LT upon graduation, and my hopes of supporting this organization as it has supported me continue to grow. This foundation gives me pride in calling myself an Aggie and a Navy brat, and through my actions, I hope to serve as a reminder to why veteran support is so important.