



Weekend for Wings Command Challenge
USS Carl Vinson CVN-70 Scholar

Mackenzie Wakefield
Anacortes, WA

Sponsor: LCDR Paul Wakefield

College: University of Nevada, Reno

2023-2024: Senior

Major: Nursing with Public Health minor

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN): 13th Grade Intern
- Sigma Kappa Sorority: Ritual chair: 13th grade Vice Pres. of Programming: 14th-15th grades
- Arbors Memory Care Facility Arbors Memory Care Facility Volunteer
- Year-Round Barista Handcraft Coffee Company
- Summer Employment: Majestic Inn and Spa Server



I would like to give a huge thank you to all the wonderful WOAF donors who contribute a great deal to the lives of many college students, including mine. I am so extremely grateful and excited to say that this is my third year of receiving a scholarship from this incredible organization, and I have truly experienced the impact it has made on my life. I have gotten an amazing support system from Wings Over America and am happy to know that I have such great people backing me up and aiding in my college journey. There is a great burden that comes with paying for college and supporting oneself entirely. This scholarship alone has decreased that burden tremendously and provides me with a little less worry about what the future of my schooling holds for me. I am one semester into nursing school and have realized the sheer amount of time, work, and energy that comes from this. I have had to step back from my job a little bit to focus on nursing school. This scholarship provides me some comfort going into my last year of college, knowing that I can make it through and not have to worry so much about finances. The Wings Over America Foundation has consistently provided me great opportunities, and I cannot thank this organization enough. Once again, I wanted to express my great gratitude for receiving this scholarship!