



The Wingman Foundation
LT Wes Van Dorn Memorial
Scholar

Paul Hamrick

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Sponsor: LCDR Thomas Hamrick

College: University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

2023-2024: Freshman

Major: Mathematics

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Eastern NC Food Bank Volunteer
- BrightLinks Math Program
- Stanford Online High School Math Competition Club
- Spelling Bee Judge
- Intern: Math League
- Mathnasium Tutor
- Art of Problem-Solving Teacher Assistant & Grader



I deeply appreciate this scholarship because it will make paying for college easier and honor my father's 20 years of service. Since I plan to pursue a PhD in mathematics, I have many years of school ahead of me. The Wings over America Scholarship will reduce my family's and my financial burden, so I will have less pressure to take on jobs. I will become involved in more outreach efforts, like math circles and college-run math tournaments, and do other acts of community service. I will write stories for papers, student-run and otherwise, and eventually publish a novel. I will do research with my peers and teachers, in mathematics and in other fields, that will result in published work and the discovery of key results in new fields. This scholarship will help me pursue my dreams of contributing to the world, in the fields of mathematics and creative writing. I am thankful for this scholarship, because it will help pay for college and because it shows me the support of the military community. I am grateful to the donors who make this scholarship possible. Since there are so many candidates deserving of this award, I am honored that it was given to me. Thank you so much!