



John & Karen Griffing Scholar

Audrey Litkowski

Virginia Beach, VA

Sponsor: CDR Mark Litkowski

College: Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame

2022-2023: Freshman

Major: Nursing Science

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Varsity Lacrosse: Captain (12th)
- National Honor Society
- Retreat Team: 12th grade leader
- Volunteer with Judeo-Christian Outreach Center
- Year-Round Employment: Rita's Italian Ice Treat Team, Shift Leader, Cashier
- Afterschool Nanny



I am so grateful to be a 2023 recipient of the Wings Over America Scholarship; thank you very much for choosing me! As both a child of a Naval Aviator and a niece of four others, I have grown up in a family that is, you could say, familiar with planes. Growing up, I loved visiting my father at his squadron hangar after school, attending numerous change of commands between many military members in my family, and watching my aunts, uncles, and father love flying. For a long time, I assumed that the love of planes I inherited from them would lead me down the same road of aviation. Although that dream has since shifted to a service of a different kind, I still possess that love of flying and admiration for the community that is formed through the Naval Aviation branch. Through this scholarship, I can attend my number one choice of college, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, where I will be able to focus on my nursing degree without the added stress of the financial aspect of college. I learned about this program through my older sister, Hannah Litkowski, and her own reception of this scholarship. I remember how much that benefited her college experience and lightened her financial burden as she attended the University of Virginia. Now it is my turn, and I can attend the college of my dreams, through the help of this wonderful aviation community; for that, I am forever grateful. This scholarship means a lot to both me and my family, and I hope that I will continue to be worthy of its honor. Thank you very much again for choosing me for this distinguished award.