

VADM Jim & Kathie Zortman Scholar

Zachary McGrath Severna Park, MD

Sponsor: CAPT Richard McGrath, Jr

College: The University of Pennsylvania

2023-2024: Freshman

Major: Political Science

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Boy Scouts of America: Eagle Scout: 10,11,12
- Maryland Civic Education Coalition
- Anne Arundel County Office of Health Equity and Racial Justice
- Severna Park High School Model United Nations Club: Secretary: 10th VP, 11th President, 12th Sec. General
- Student Member of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education
- Office of Maryland State Delegate Shaneka Henson



I am honored to be a Wings Over America Scholarship recipient. As a life-long member of a Naval Aviation family, I have seen firsthand what it means to lead a life of service. I greatly admire the many men and women in our military that I have met who, like my father, have answered the call to serve our nation. It is their sacrifice that allows others to pursue their dreams and reach their highest potential. As citizens, we must be engaged and active in our communities and fundamental to an engaged citizenry is education. During high school, I advocated for increased educational opportunities on the state and local level by helping to craft better public policy, and I hope to continue to do so throughout a career in public service. This scholarship will allow me the freedom to pursue internships and volunteer work that might otherwise not be possible, while I study political science and public policy in the city of our nation's birth at the University of Pennsylvania. I intend to make good use of this opportunity and truly wish to thank WOASF and each of its individual donors for this very generous investment in my future.