



## John & Karen Griffing Scholar

Ella Simone

El Paso, Texas

Sponsor: LCDR Joseph Simone

College: Liberty University

2024-2025: Sophomore

Major: Psychology

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Volleyball NCCAA DI
- Silva (High School) Ambassador
- High School Varsity Volleyball, Captain
- Student Council
- Kings Kids El Paso Volunteer
- Jesus Chapel Children's Ministry (Teacher)
- New Life Worship Leader and Outreach Coordinator



I am beyond grateful to have received the 2024 Wings Over America Scholarship. Thank you to all the donors for your kindness and generosity. Thank you for supporting the military families of America. Thank you for recognizing the sacrifice of the men and women of the United States military and for recognizing their families. While this scholarship will be put toward my undergraduate, I will be saving money that will enable me to pay for and complete a Physician's Assistant program.

My father has always had a passion for the sciences but due to limited finances, he decided to enlist in the Navy after his junior year of high school. He followed a technical path he loved, as a sailor and an aircrewman, rather than a medical path he also likely had the aptitude for. Sharing his passion for science, I aspire to complete my educational goals and serve my community as a physician's assistant. I hope the opportunity for education increases generationally in my family, and this scholarship certainly paves the way for that. To the donors who provided from their own treasures, thank you for your sacrifice and for your generosity allowing me an opportunity to become and to serve as a healthcare provider. Thank you for caring about my dreams—someone you do not know. Please know you are extending the help service members are known for, and your generosity is likely to impact multiple generations.