



Navy Federal Credit Union Scholar

Louis Whitehead

Nashville, Tennessee

Sponsor: LCDR Scott Whitehead

College: Vanderbilt University

2024-2025: Freshman

Major: Economics

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- National Honor Society
- Varsity Baseball Team
- Golf Team
- UniCycle Volunteer
- St Jude/ALSAC Fundraising Initiatives
- Temple B'nai Israel technology and videography services



Securing the Wings Over America Scholarship is important to me on two levels. The first level is financial. The funds are going to be helpful with covering the expenses for my first year at Vanderbilt University, as it is an extremely expensive school. Any financial assistance we receive is going to alleviate some of the financial burden my mother is carrying, as well as reducing the amount of student loans that I will need to take out. But even more importantly is the connection this gives me to my father. My dad flew F/A 18's and served as a naval aviator during the Gulf War before I was born. Three years ago, my father died suddenly of a heart attack. This loss was devastating to our family, and I was heartbroken. This scholarship brings him into my college journey in a way that is very personal and meaningful. I am grateful to have this level of connection to my father's service and that it will serve to help me achieve my educational goals.