



Pratt & Whitney Scholar

Olivia Hamilton

Alexandria, Virginia

Sponsor: CAPT Mark Hamilton

College: Vanderbilt University

2024-2025: Freshman

Major: Engineering

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Science National Honor Society, President
- UNICEF Club, VP and Co-Founder
- Varsity Field Hockey
- Student Government, Class Officer
- German Honor Society
- Grace Community Church Volunteer
- Community Pool Lifeguard & Manager



I am incredibly honored to receive this scholarship. My father served for 26 years as a P-3 pilot and my mother was a naval flight officer for nine, meaning the maritime patrol community has been a part of my life for as long as I remember. Growing up, I saw the impact of this community firsthand: a united sense of mission, with relationships connected through service. It was always my intention to follow in my parents' footsteps and serve in the US Navy, however last fall I received some unfortunate medical news that prevents me from doing so. Applying to and then receiving this scholarship has been a wonderful experience that reaffirmed to me the validation and support of the maritime patrol community. I am truly grateful for this scholarship and opportunity. I will use the award towards my engineering degree expenses at Vanderbilt University.