



Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Ella Martinez

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Sponsor: CAPT Miguel Martinez

College: Rice University

2024-2025: Freshman

Major: Biosciences

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Treble, Concert and Jazz Choirs
- Girl Scouts of America, Ambassador
- Salish Sea School Marine Conservation Program
- Drama Club
- Varsity Swim Team
- Key Club International, Treasurer & Secretary
- Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Volunteer
- St. Stephens Episcopal Church Acolyte



Growing up as a child of a service member, my life, especially in an academic sense, was certainly not without hardship; from bouncing back and forth between multiple different schools in different states to lacking a network of friends to rely on as I newly moved from place to place, the life of a military child can certainly be challenging. However, time and time again I have been incredibly thankful for the strong community my father's military career has provided me, full of service members, their spouses, and fellow military kids who uplifted me through struggles, related to my experiences, and provided a strong network of support throughout turbulent times.

One pillar of this community is the Maritime Patrol Association, an organization that my family has both supported and has gained support from during my father's time in the military. To me, receiving this scholarship marks a stone in the supportive foundation the military community has built for me over the course of my life. I am forever grateful towards this network and hope to continue to strengthen and contribute to it for generations of military families to come.