

Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

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Sponsor: CDR Michael Callahan

College: Penn State University

2024-2025: Freshman

Major: Animal Science

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Kids are Scientists Too Club
- Girl Scouts of America
- Level the Field Nonprofit
- History, English, German, and National Honors Societies
- Competitive Horse Riding
- Pet Care Assistant at Banfield Pet
- Misty Brae Farm LLC Pony Club Riding Center



I am extremely grateful to have received the Maritime Patrol Association Scholarship from the MPA organization. This scholarship immensely helps me afford my education and makes me feel more confident entering my freshman year in the fall. The application for WOASF and MPA scholarships is well thought out, easy to navigate, and very thorough. The level of communication, respect, and professionalism from the organization is incredible and has allowed me to feel more confident in myself and my academic abilities in receiving the scholarship. My senior year of high school was very stressful and there were many times I doubted my academic abilities and my family's ability to afford further education at the schools I was looking into. \$1,000 is not a small sum and to receive this amount of money has made me beyond proud of my successes in the past year. The Maritime Patrol Association is incredible, and I am beyond thankful that they are helping me afford my next chapter in life.