



# USS Gerald R Ford Scholar

James Cummings

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Sponsor: CAPT JJ Cummings

College: Syracuse University

2024-2025: Freshman

Major: Sports Analytics

## Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- "Takes From the Lakes" Sports Podcast Co-host
- High School Senior Project & Internship
- Piano/Keyboard Player (Solo + Band)
- National Honor Society, Secretary
- Varsity Baseball and Basketball Teams
- Mary's Kitchen: Host and Busser
- Volunteer: Special Olympics basketball Coach



For the next four years, I'll be heading up to Syracuse University to study Sport Analytics. My parents expect me to pay a portion of Syracuse's tuition, and any extra money that I can receive to contribute will go a long way. With it being an out-of-state, private university, the high tuition was definitely a factor in the college-search process. However, the unique Sport Analytics program is the only one of its kind in the United States, and I felt that this opportunity was too good to pass up. Not only does this scholarship from Wings Over America help ease the financial burden, it also gives me a vote of confidence as I take the next step in my academic journey. The Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation's choice to dedicate five thousand dollars towards my studies is one that I accept with gratitude, and I'll make sure that it doesn't go to waste.