

The Tailhook Scholarship

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This scholarship honors all Naval Aviators who fly from aircraft carriers and the warships which launch and recover those Aviators. This unique group of Naval Aviators who catapult from and trap aboard our U.S. Navy's aircraft carriers are affectionately called "*Tailhookers*". For over 100 years, *Tailhookers* have flown sorties from our aircraft carriers in combat, presence, disaster relief, training and other missions across the planet. Carrier Aviation remains an integral part of fighting and winning our nation's battles as well as responding to international conflict and disasters. *Tailhookers* have delivered precision ordnance on enemy targets and cleared the skies over enemy territory, they have stabilized areas of social and political unrest and they have rescued and assisted thousands of people from natural and other disasters. Tailhook Aviation remains a critical part of our Nation's National Security Strategy; the first question leaders ask when a conflict, disaster, or any other unstable situation arises in the world is: "*Where are the Carriers?*" This scholarship is awarded to specifically recognize *Tailhookers* for their long-standing dedication to duty and their countless contributions and sacrifices to our national security while selflessly continuing to protect our nation.