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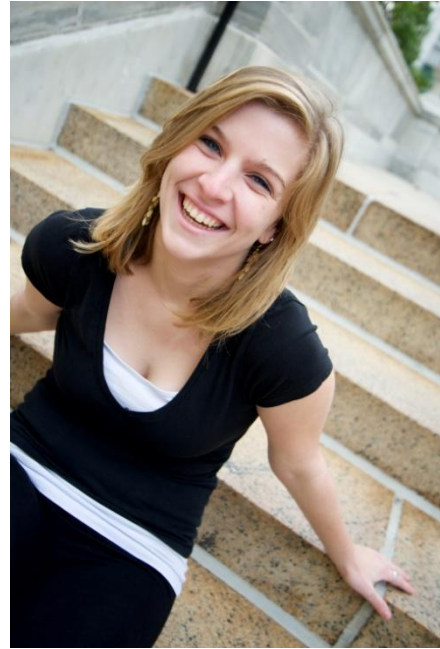
Northeastern University

Freshman: Undeclared

College GPA: 3.92

Activities:

- NU Hall Council
- NU Student Dance Crew
- National Honor Society
- Varsity & JV Volleyball
- Team Manager/Statistician HS Wrestling Team
- Volunteer: HS Drama Club Fundraising, Service Project in Ostrava, Czech Republic & Cluj, Romania



When I was younger, my dad explained to me some of the benefits that military children have when it comes to paying for a college education—the GI Bill and Yellow Ribbon Program being two examples. However, I wouldn't receive this financial aid because of anything I'd done myself. These benefits are given due to my dad's courageous and selfless lifestyle as a Naval Flight Officer. Obviously, I was thankful for this help, but it made me feel a little guilty to take money that I didn't earn. I applied for the Wings Over America scholarship for the first time last year and unfortunately did not earn it then. This only pushed me to try harder the next time around and finally earning this financial aid and feeling proud knowing that I worked for it. I am very thankful for the Wings Over America Foundation's generosity in awarding me this financial aid, and I am grateful to my dad for giving me the opportunity to apply in the first place.