

Melissa Garrison

Scholarship Administrator, Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation

Melissa was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland. She received her BS in Business Management and Marketing from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. After working as a Branch Manager for First Virginia Bank-Central Maryland for several years, she decided to return to graduate school at Old Dominion University where she received a Masters of Business Administration with a concentration in Healthcare Management.

After graduate school she worked as a Special Project Manager for Operation Smile in Virginia Beach. Upon her first Navy move to Lemoore, California Melissa started as Project Manager/Director of Research and Development for the California Health Collaborative in Fresno. A move to Newport, Rhode Island allowed her to continue working as Project Consultant for Kings County and Mariposa County Health Departments writing grants and managing tobacco control programs. This work continued after a move to Papillion, Nebraska. Also during this time Melissa took a position as a Senior Development Consultant with Heartland Campaign Management. A final move back to Virginia Beach led Melissa to Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation. She started as the Foundation's Treasurer and then moved to the Scholarship Administrator position in January 2011.

She is currently an active volunteer/committee chair with Kingston Elementary and Plaza Middle School's PTAs as well as St. Nicholas church with the Annual Thanksgiving Baskets for Human Services families, soup kitchen, and Winter Shelter programs. She is also a member of Alpha Delta Pi's Tidewater Alumni Association.

Melissa and her husband, Brian, have two children and reside in Virginia Beach.