

Boeing Scholar

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University of Virginia

Major: Kinesiology

College GPA: 3.24



Activities:

- Recently accepted into the Curry School of Education as a Kinesiology Major
- Study abroad in Valencia this May/June (studying Medical Spanish and Global Health Research)
- EMT training classes (being certified this coming fall)
- Alpha Phi Sorority
- New Member Educator
- Shadowing Pediatric Doctor, Fred Fink, in Norfolk
- Nannying in Charlottesville for a 6 month old and 3 year old
- Volunteering with the Boys & Girls Club of Charlottesville

My scholarship means a great deal to me, because it has allowed me to maximize my undergraduate opportunities at the University of Virginia. For example, this coming summer I am traveling to Valencia, Spain to participate in a study abroad program—an experience I certainly would not be able to do if it was not for Wings Over America. While in Spain I am being given the chance to study Medical Spanish with fluent speakers, and study/research Global Health Comparative. These experiences will not only further my cultural understanding, but will also behoove me professionally as an aspiring Physician's Assistant. As many students know, month-long study abroad programs costs almost as much as an entire year's tuition so having financial support is a gift I do not take for granted. Furthermore, the support I've received from my scholarship has allowed me to focus on thriving as a student rather than worrying about loans and applying for grants. This past year I was able to take a heavy course-load, which enabled me to get into the Kinesiology Major—my most exciting feat thus far. Additionally, I was able to enroll in nighttime EMT classes, so that I can begin volunteering as an EMT in the coming fall to satisfy the hours necessary to apply to graduate school. Although these accomplishments might be achievable without a scholarship, it is undoubtedly the scholarship that has enabled me to devote myself fully to preparing for my future and is ultimately the reason I am a committed student. I will always be very grateful for Wings Over America and all the work the organization does to support students like myself. One day, I hope to give back to the scholarship program so more students can live their college-experience to the absolute fullest.