



The Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

Patrick Gilbert

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Sponsor: LCDR Shannon Gilbert II

College: Rocky Mountain College

2025-2026: Senior

Major: Aeronautical Science

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- National Intercollegiate Flying Association Flight Team
- Intervarsity Faith Based Group
- Worldwide Flight Service, Ramp Agent
- Flight Operations Department Rocky Mountain College



I am honored once again for the incredible opportunity to pursue my passion. College and especially flight training are quite expensive, so every little bit of scholarship funding helps tremendously. This will be the third, and final time that I have been fortunate enough to be awarded a scholarship through Wings Over America. This final year of my college pipeline, I will be completing my Certified Flight Instrument Instructor (CFII) rating and continue to work on hours needed for my Air Transport Pilot (ATP) rating. I have been competing in Rocky Mountain College's Intercollegiate Flight Team for the past two years and have placed seventh overall as best pilot in the 2024 Regional NIFA SAFECON competition and will be competing at the National level competition in May of 2025 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The Wings Over America Scholarship support helps me continue down my path towards an aviation career by helping to offset the tuition cost and flight lab costs. I am once again extremely thankful to be a repeat winner of one of your scholarships. These sponsored scholarship funds truly go a long way in helping me continue my dream. I hope this coming year will be as successful and fulfilling as the last, and I am glad to have your support behind me.