



# Maritime Patrol Association Scholar

**Sophie Schalm**

Dayton, Ohio

Sponsor: CDR David Schalm

College: The Ohio State University

2025-2026: Freshman

Major: Medical Laboratory Science with Psychology and/or  
Microbiology minor

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Theatre Stage Crew
- National Honor Society
- Swim Team
- Dayton VA Medical Center Volunteer
- Fused Glass Creations LLC, Glass Artist
- OH! Boba, Barista



Receiving a Wings Over America Scholarship is an incredible honor that carries deep personal meaning for me. As a military child, I've seen firsthand the dedication and sacrifices required of service members and their families. Last summer, I had the incredible opportunity to volunteer at the Dayton VA Medical Center, which gave me a new level of appreciation for those sacrifices. Hearing veterans' stories and seeing the lasting impact of their service inspired me to pursue a career in healthcare so that I can give back by supporting the health and well-being of others. This scholarship will help me to attend The Ohio State University, where I'll be studying Medical Lab Science in the Health Sciences Scholars program and pursuing a minor in either Psychology and/or Microbiology. With this support, I can focus more on my education and community involvement without being overwhelmed by financial concerns. I'm grateful not only for financial assistance, but also for the recognition of the military community's unique challenges, and I plan to carry this support forward by serving others with the same commitment and compassion I've witnessed throughout my life.