



Marine Corps Aviation Memorial Corporal Jordan Spears Scholar

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Sponsor: Lt. Colonel Peter Blake

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2025-2026: Senior

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Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Women in Computer Science
- Creative Writing Collective
- Peer Advising Fellow
- Admissions Office Tour Guide Coordinator
- Independent Tutor
- USAA Internship



Occasionally, people will ask me what it was like to grow up to be the daughter of a Marine. My usual answer is simply: It was just my life. The constant moving, the packing and unpacking of boxes, the making new friends at new schools in new states — that was my normal, and as I look back on my childhood, I am proud to have had those experiences. The ‘where are you from’ is a normal question to be asked in college, and my feeling of “fromness” comes more from my military brat upbringing than anything else. Indeed, this scholarship is incredibly meaningful to me because it is one of the ways in which I am able to connect with that part of my identity — particularly through the lens of my educational experience. Being at Harvard has been such a wonderful opportunity in part because I’ve formed relationships with other military students, and because I’ve been able to study parts of our experience in classes focused on education or upward mobility in the United States. This scholarship grants me the foundation to further this opportunity and continue to learn about and understand both myself and the military brat experience at large. Thank you to the donors and to The Wingman Foundation! I’m honored to have been selected to receive a scholarship.