



## Marine Corps Aviation Memorial CAPT Jake Frederick Scholar

### **Katelyn Duncan**

Niceville, Florida

Sponsor: Major Jason Kenneth Duncan

College: North Carolina State University

2025-2026: Freshman

Major: Animal Sciences, Veterinary Biosciences  
concentration

#### Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Moving Niceville Forward, Founder & President
- Niceville High School Scrubs Club, Secretary
- Veterinary Assistant Series, Northwest Florida State College (2022)
- Alaqua Animal Refuge & Wildlife Rehabilitation and Equine Center, Volunteer
- Girl Scout Troop 726, Girl Scouts of Gateway Council
- Florida State Renegade Program, Volunteer



Receiving The Wingman Foundation Marine Corps Aviation Memorial scholarship is an incredible honor, and I am deeply grateful for the support it provides as I work toward my dream of becoming a large animal veterinarian. This scholarship not only eases the financial challenge of pursuing eight years of higher education, but it also gives me a sense of encouragement, reminding me that others believe in the work I hope to do.

Since I was eight years old, when I first helped build "paw-packs" for sheltering animals as a Girl Scout, I've been committed to making a difference for animals and their communities. Years of volunteering at Alaqua Animal Refuge, working with everything from dogs rescued from fighting rings to rehabilitating emaciated horses, have only strengthened that commitment. Through these experiences, I have learned that veterinary medicine is about more than just science-it's about compassion, creative problem-solving, and perseverance. This scholarship is an investment in addressing a growing national need. Across the country, shortages of large animal veterinarians are placing tremendous strain on rural communities, food supply chains, and animal welfare. I am excited to begin my next chapter at NCSU and determined to make the most of every opportunity ahead. Thank you for helping me become a part of the new generation of veterinarians working to strengthen the future of agriculture, protect animal welfare, and support the communities that sustain us all.