Wings Over America Scholar



Sofia Martinez

Anacortes, WA

Sponsor: CAPT Miguel Martinez

College: Penn State University

2026-2027: Freshman

Major: Hospitality Management

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Key Club Secretary
- Music - First Chair Flute
- Theatre Performances
- Varsity Swim Team
- National Honor Society
- Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Volunteer

I am beyond grateful for this scholarship that has been granted to me. This scholarship is a very big deal to me and my family. My father has served in the military for almost thirty years, and my entire family's lives have been impacted by his career. It was always difficult when my father was away on deployment, but I knew of the sacrifices he was willing to make to serve our country. Recently, he has been working in Washington D.C while my mother and I continued to live in Washington state. It was a huge commitment, but my family was willing to make it work if it meant my father would continue to support our nation. Ultimately, this is why I am so honored to have received this scholarship. My family and I have had to make big changes in our lives, but we knew that the sacrifice was for the greater good of our country.