Tri-Tec Manufacturing Scholar



Austin Wade

Prosper, TX

Sponsor: LCDR Matthew Wade

College: University of Texas at Austin

2026-2027: Sophomore

Major: Nueroscience

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Polymathic Scholars Honors Program
- Freshmen Research Initiative (FRI): Discovering Signals Research Team
- Dell Med Pre-Health Distinguished Scholars Member
- Certified Clinical Education Hours & Physician Shadowing
- Operation Gratitude Volunteer
- UT-Austin's Dell Medical School Summer Chemistry Program

I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I am for the Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation. Being awarded a WOASF scholarship for 2026-2027 (for the second year in a row) will have such a profound impact for me. It could not have come at a better time too! I was recently offered a summer internship with a local neurosurgeon, and it would be a tremendous opportunity for me as a neuroscience major on a pre-medical track. It would offer the opportunity to have a physician-mentor while gaining valuable patient-facing experience, as well as providing me the clinical and physician shadowing hours needed to be a successful future medical school applicant. However, this summer internship offer is unpaid. I do work during school while attending The University of Texas at Austin full-time, but only ten hours per week. Summer is when college students like me can typically find traditional jobs and work hard to save up money to help pay for our next school year. I have been on the fence about whether to take the unpaid internship. With this scholarship award from Wings Over America, my financial dilemma is solved, and I have decided to seize the opportunity to accept the summer internship offer. I am confident it is the right path for me to help me achieve my dream of becoming a future physician and I have Wings Over America to thank for that! Please know how very thankful my family and I are for your continued support of my education. It means so much to know that Wings Over America is there, standing behind military children and making such tangible differences in our lives. Your generosity ensures that my father's service and sacrifice continue to be recognized and help open doors of opportunity for military families.