



Wings Over America Scholar

Keagan Claffy

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Sponsor: CDR Kevin Michael Claffy

College: Clemson University

2025-2026: Freshman

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Sound Marching Band, Woodwind Captain and Drum Major
- Cross Country Team
- Model United Nations
- Beta Club
- Publix Supermarkets, Front Desk Clerk



As the son of a retired US Naval Aviator, this unique scholarship has profound significance for me, beyond that of just the financial award. I realize that being recognized for this scholarship is at least in part a tribute to my father's twenty-two years of devoted military service and more specifically, his service to that of Naval Aviation. I take pride and am also deeply grateful for the years of service and sacrifices he made to serve and protect our country, as well as the sacrifices my family made to support him throughout his military career.

I also realize that this scholarship not only honors the commitment he made, but also the legacy of commitment and sacrifice of the many donors that have made this scholarship even possible. I want to recognize the dedication of the many military veterans and likewise their families who also made similar contributions and personal sacrifices for which I have immense appreciation. I want the membership of your scholarship foundation and the many donors who contributed to this scholarship award to know that it provides me with the financial support I need to pursue my undergraduate degree at Clemson University. Earning a degree in this field holds great importance to me, and this scholarship will undoubtedly ease the financial burden of my first year, allowing me to focus fully on the academic challenges ahead in order to achieve the goals that I have set for myself.