Association of Naval Aviation

LT Phillip H. Jones Naval Aviation Scholar

Collin Wicker

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Sponsor: LtCol Robert Wicker

College: Virginia Tech

2026-2027: Freshman

Major: Aeronautical Engineering

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Varsity Golf Team
- AAU Basketball Team
- Potomac Voices High School Chamber Choir
- National Honor Society
- Patuxent Presbyterian Church Worship Team Leader
- Operation Christmas Child Volunteer



I am honored to receive one of the Wings Over America Scholarships. It is confirmation that my focus and perseverance paid off, and that the professional path I chose is worth investing in. I am motivated to take full advantage of all that Penn State has to offer, not just for my own benefit, but out of respect for the purpose of this award and the investment made in me and my future.

This award is also a recognition of the unique experiences and sacrifices that come with being part of a military family. My life as the son of a naval aviator has taught me adaptability, perseverance, and focus in challenging circumstances. I am keenly aware of what sacrifice looks like and investments like this require sacrifice.

This scholarship reflects both where I come from and support for where I am going. It will reduce the financial burden of my education, allowing me to focus on my academic and personal growth. As I carry forward the lessons I've learned as a military child, this honor will serve as a motivator and an inspiration in this next chapter of my academic journey.