



Wings Over America Scholar

Austin Wade

Prosper, Texas

Sponsor: LCDR Matthew Wade

College: University of Texas at Austin

2025-2026: Freshman

Major: Neuroscience

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Varsity Basketball
- JV Baseball
- HEAL Medical Education Network; MedSchool Coach/Pre-Health Shadowing
- Operation Gratitude: Paracord Lanyard & Paracord Bracelet Programs
- National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, & Science National Honor Society



I am so grateful to receive the Wings Over America scholarship. It will ease the financial burden of attending The University of Texas at Austin and further strengthen my bond with the military community that helped shape me. As the son of a U.S. Naval Aviator, I was raised with the values of service and discipline - principles that will continue to guide me in my Neuroscience studies and pre-medical journey. I have also been accepted into UT's Polymathic Scholars Honors Program, which supports students who want to connect science with broader human interests. This opportunity, combined with your generous support, will allow me to pursue the additional hours needed for my thesis research and interdisciplinary learning.

I am very thankful to Wings Over America for this investment in my education and future. Your support gives me the freedom to focus better on my goals of attending medical school and someday becoming a pediatric endocrinologist or neurologist. I am committed to giving back through a career in medicine, where I hope to serve veterans and their families who deserve nothing but the best care. Thank you.