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Captain Caffrey Scholar

Lydia Wilkinson

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Sponsor: CDR Jason Wilkinson

College: University of Michigan

2026-2027: Sophomore

Major: User Experience Design

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Field Team 6: Democratic Party Volunteer
- TurnUp Activism
- Capital Area Humane Society Adoption Volunteer
- Marching Band
- Pep Band
- Concert Band – First Trumpet and Sectional Leader
- National Honor Society, Event Planner



Receiving the 2027 VAW/VRC Merit scholarship means the world to me. After finishing my freshman year at the University of Michigan, I can honestly say that last year's WOASF support has made such a difference in my ability to focus on what matters most: my education and my future. Without the weight of financial stress constantly in the back of my mind, I have been able to throw myself into my studies and really find my footing in college. This past year I worked hard in my coding classes, and it showed, which has only made me more confident going into the rest of my degree.

Going into my sophomore year, I am still pursuing User Experience Design, and I cannot wait to dive into the more career-focused classes coming up this fall. I am passionate about building digital spaces that are accessible and meaningful for everyone, and every semester I feel closer to making that a reality. Growing up as a military kid gave me a strong foundation of resilience, and I carry that with me every single day on campus. I am so grateful to VVOSA for continuing to invest in students like me and for honoring the commitment military families make. This scholarship means more than I can put into words.