



Wings Over America Scholar

Avia Marusich

Denver, Colorado

Sponsor: CDR Nicolas Marusich

College: Creighton University

2025-2026: Freshman

Major: Nursing

Minor: Spanish

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Student Ambassador, Senior Team Lead
- Asian Club
- Swim & Dive Team
- Varsity Softball
- National Honors Society
- RezDawg, Volunteer



I am honored to be a recipient of the 2025 Wings Over America scholarship. Receiving this award will not only help relieve the burden of college finances but allow me to further my education as I will be going into the Nursing program at Creighton University in the fall of 2025. My passion is to help and serve people, which Nursing would allow me to do. I also hope to continue for a master's degree to ultimately allow me to become a Nurse Practitioner. I would not be able to receive this scholarship if it weren't for my dad, who served as a naval flight officer aboard E-2C Hawkeye aircraft and also my family for supporting me in my career pursuits and in life. I have always felt at home in the naval community, even at overseas locations and with foreign navies. It has shaped many decisions in my life and who I am. Thank you to the VAW/VRC community for supporting me in the pursuit of my goals."