Pratt & Whitney Scholar

Katelyn Popp

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Sponsor: CPO Tracie Popp

College: University of Michigan

2026-2027: Freshman

Major: Mathematics

Academic & Extracurricular Highlights:

- Varsity Tennis Team
- Science Olympiad Member
- Math & Chess Club
- STEM National Honor Society
- National & Spanish Honor Society
- Beta Club



Receiving the 2027 Wings Over America Scholarship genuinely means the world to me. When choosing which college to attend, I always knew that financials would play a major role and that no matter where I went, I would have to work hard in order to afford all of the costs that come with college. This scholarship provides me with so many opportunities to further explore what the college of my choice, the University of Michigan, has to offer for academics, clubs, and more. My first job paid $11.25 per hour and in order to obtain the $5,000 I have so generously been given, I would have had to work for approximately 445 hours, before taxes. Now I have an extra 445 hours to study for the advanced mathematics courses I will be taking, attend meetings and seminars held by clubs and organizations, go out of my way to connect with my peers, and enjoy my college experience. It is for these reasons that I am eternally grateful for this scholarship.