

Maaliyah Bowden, Jacqueline Smith Burdette Career in Aviation Scholarship \$2500



Throughout high school, Maaliyah was involved in her school's Marine Corps. Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. During this time, she became a strong leader, increased her confidence in public speaking, and got her involved with her community. Maaliyah earned the US Air Force's Order of the Daedalians in her junior year and graduated high school as a Cadet Master Gunnery Sergeant. Also, during high school, Maaliyah was also involved with Advancement Via Individual Development (AVID) program at her school and she also attended the American Legion Auxiliary's Florida Girls State in 2019. Currently Maaliyah is in her first year at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Universities' Daytona Beach campus double majoring in Air Traffic Management and Human Factors Psychology. After completion of these bachelor's degrees, she plans to continue at ERAU in their Accelerated Master's Program in the Science in Human Factors. In addition, Maaliyah also volunteers with outreach programs and is very involved with her church.

Maaliyah's letters of recommendation described her as self-motivated (which is clear in her aforementioned achievements and goals), strong leader, passionate, and a remarkable young woman. After reviewing her scholarship application, the scholarship committee thought she would be a great candidate for the Jacqueline Smith Burdette Scholarship because her goals and determination will set her up for greatness in not only air traffic, but beyond as well. We all look forward to working with her someday!