

**R.J. Ware**

**Bachelor's Degree Title & Year (Ex. Chemistry, B.S., 2026)**

Political Science, B.S., 2026

**Graduate Degree(s) Title & Year/Expected Graduation (Ex. Chemistry, M.S., 2026)**

Teaching, Secondary Ed, M.A.T., 2028 (likely to change)

**MTSU News:** <https://mtsunews.com/2026/09/23/rj-ware-named-naacps-youth-of-the-year/>

**Why MTSU?**

I chose MTSU because it offers the opportunities and resources of a large university while still maintaining the close-knit feel of a smaller campus. Throughout my time at MTSU, I have been fortunate to grow through meaningful student leadership experiences that have allowed me to serve the university, develop as a leader, and build lasting relationships with students, faculty, staff, and administrators. Those connections have made MTSU feel like home and have played an important role in both my personal and professional growth. Continuing my education here as a graduate student gives me the opportunity to build on those experiences, strengthen the relationships I have developed, and continue contributing to a campus community that has invested so much in me.

**How did/is your program helping you prepare for your career/industry?**

My program is preparing me for my career by providing practical knowledge, meaningful experiences, and strong connections with faculty and staff across the College of Education. Those relationships have been especially valuable in helping me grow professionally and better understand the field.

