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DAV Scholarships Program

DAV is seeking nominations for youth volunteers who may be eligible for DAV Scholarships in 2025. This program is designed to encourage youth volunteers to become active in the DAV's Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP) and/or the Department of Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service Program (VAVS). It is vital that we continue to engage and involve youth in the benefits of volunteering, so we ask for your support of this scholarship program.

An electronic application and awards information can be found at www.davscholarships.org.

DAV scholarships are awarded to youth volunteers who are committed to serving our nation's veterans. Ten scholarships are awarded totaling \$110,000 to help fund the recipients higher education.

Scholarships are awarded annually in the following amounts:

- One scholarship of \$30,000
- One scholarship of \$20,000
- One scholarship of \$15,000
- One scholarship of \$10,000
- Two scholarships of \$7,500
- Four scholarships of \$5,000

The 2024 top honor was awarded to an applicant who is a 2021 graduate of Regis Jesuit High School in Aurora, Colorado, and recently finished her junior year at Stanford University in California. The scholarship will be instrumental in her pursuit of a degree in economics and international relations so she can work in public service advocating for the rights and resources of marginalized communities. There are many ways scholarships can be earned and we hope for maximum participation so we can connect as many future leaders as possible to our nation's heroes, their families and survivors.

Eligibility:

- Scholarships can be awarded to any volunteer who is 21 or younger and has volunteered a minimum of 100 lifetime hours through the VAVS Program or DAV's LVAP.
- Applicants under the VAVS Program must credit their hours to the DAV or DAV Auxiliary.
- The scholarships can be used for any accredited institution of higher learning, including universities, colleges, community colleges or vocational schools.
- Scholarships must be utilized in full prior to the recipient attaining age 25 or within six years of receiving the scholarship, whichever is later.

Applications:

- Applications for this award may be submitted by the following:
 - A voluntary services representative at a VA Medical Center
 - DAV chapters, DAV Auxiliary Units and all DAV and DAV Auxiliary representatives and deputy representatives
 - The youth volunteer may also complete an application
- Applications must be submitted with the full consent of the youth volunteer or their guardian, authorizing DAV's use of their name, picture and story for publicity purposes. The consent form can be found on the application.
- Applications will be reviewed by DAV's national voluntary services director, as well as the National Interim Hospital and Voluntary Services Committee. Recommendations will be made to the national commander for final selection.
- All submissions should include the application form, essay and supporting documentation that you would like to have considered by the selection committee.
- Applications should be submitted online at www.davscholarships.org. If you do not have access to enter the submission online, you can complete the attached application form.

Applicants are encouraged to solicit recommendations and information from the VA Medical Center Director, program managers, and other staff members who are directly involved with the VAVS Program in your facilities. With regard to LVAP, please solicit recommendations and information from the appropriate DAV state-level department, chapter or Auxiliary unit officials.

Deadline:

Applications for the 2025 DAV Scholarships are being accepted now through Feb. 28, 2025. Any application received after the deadline will be held for the next award year.

National Convention Participation:

The top recipient will be presented with the award at the DAV national convention. Round-trip airfare (lowest coach, nonrefundable fare), hotel accommodations for two nights and meals per diem for up to three days will be provided for the recipient and a parent or guardian.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact our voluntary services staff at volunteerawards@dav.org or 888-480-6786.



John H. Kleindienst
National Voluntary Services Director



2025 Hospital and Voluntary Services Award Nomination Form

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Volunteer's Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Application submitted by Self Other

If other, Name _____ Title _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. If known, how many months/years has the nominee volunteered? Months _____ Years _____

2. During the past year, where has the nominee volunteered? VA Medical Center Local Veterans Assistance Program
 Other _____

3. Is the student a member of any school clubs, National Honor Society, sports, JROTC, etc? Yes No
If yes, please elaborate and list any awards the student has received.

4. How does the volunteer's presence impact the patients, volunteer program or activity? How does he/she directly affect patient morale and/or other volunteers?

5. Has the volunteer been responsible for introducing additional volunteers into the DAV VAVS or LVAP program? Yes No
If yes, please elaborate.

6. Please describe any special aspects of the student volunteer.

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Name _____

7. How does the student volunteer plan to use the scholarship? What does the student volunteer intend to do to serve veterans in the future?

8. How did you hear about this scholarship?

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

In addition to this application, please include the following items with your nomination:

- Scholarship Nominations Only:** Nominee's 750–1,000 word essay on “What volunteering has meant to me.”
- Optional:** Recent photo of nominee, suitable for publicity purposes. Acceptable formats include:
 - (1) Glossy print, at least 4” x 6”
 - (2) CD/USB drive containing a JPEG image measuring at least 4” x 6” and 300 ppi or higher
- Optional:** Photos of the nominee volunteering

Please submit your nomination by Feb. 28, 2025. Email your submission to volunteerawards@dav.org, or mail it to:

DAV National Headquarters
ATTN: Voluntary Services
860 Dolwick Drive
Erlanger, KY 41018

DAV NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS STAFF USE ONLY:

Hours Verified Verified By _____ Date _____

Signature of DAV National Headquarters Representative _____