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DAV Scholarships

DAV is seeking nominations for the 2024 DAV Scholarships. This program is designed to encourage youth volunteers to become active in the DAV Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP) and/or the Department of Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) program. 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 davscholarships.org.

Volunteer service is at the heart of DAV's mission to empower veterans to lead high-quality and fulfilling lives. From volunteering at VA medical centers to assisting veterans in local communities, DAV and DAV Auxiliary youth volunteers make a real difference in the lives of veterans. Scholarships are awarded to those who carry on DAV's legacy of service and are committed to serving our nation's veterans. Each year, 10 scholarships, totaling \$110,000, are awarded 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

DAV received 89 applications for the 2023 program year. We cannot thank you enough for your hard work and dedication in nominating these amazing youth volunteers. The top honor was awarded to an applicant who volunteered 621 hours serving veterans through LVAP. He has dedicated his time to being a caregiver for his mother, collecting and distributing items for veterans in his local community, and volunteering at Fisher House.

Eligibility:

- Scholarships can be awarded to any volunteer who is age 21 or younger and has volunteered a minimum of 100 hours through DAV's LVAP and/or VAVS.
- Applicants under VAVS must credit their hours to DAV or the 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 before the recipient attains the age of 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 departments, DAV chapters, DAV Auxiliary units, and all DAV and DAV Auxiliary representatives and deputy representatives.
 - The youth volunteer or the volunteer's family and friends.
- Applications must be submitted with the full consent of the nominee, or the nominee's guardian, authorizing DAV's use of the nominee's name, picture and story for publicity purposes.
- 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 to be considered by the selection committee.
- Applications should be submitted online at davscholarships.org. If the nominator does not have access to enter the submission online, 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 facility's VAVS program. With regard to LVAP, please solicit recommendations and information from the appropriate DAV state-level department or chapter officials.

Administration:

The national voluntary services director is responsible for facilitating the award process on the national level.

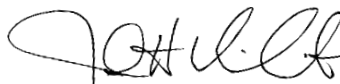
Deadline:

Applications for the 2024 DAV Scholarships are being accepted now through Feb. 29, 2024. Any application received after the deadline will be held for the next award year.

Expenses:

The top recipient will be presented 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 winner and a travel companion.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact our voluntary services staff at volunteerawards@dav.org or 888-480-6786, ext. 3.



John H. Kleindienst
National Voluntary Services Director



2024 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. 29, 2024. 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 _____