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Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program

DAV is seeking nominations for the 2020 Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program. 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.

The Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program honors former Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown, who was also a DAV National Service Officer and Executive Director at the DAV National Service and Legislative Headquarters. The scholarship is given in memory of a DAV leader dedicated to veterans, through the recognition of those who carry on his legacy of service. It is awarded to youth volunteers who are committed to serving our Nation's veterans. Each year, eight scholarships are awarded totaling \$75,000 to help fund the recipients higher education.

Scholarships are awarded annually in the following amounts:

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

The 2018 top honor was awarded to an applicant who had volunteered 1,800 hours over the span of nine years at her local VA Medical Center, as well as, serving veterans in her local community.

Eligibility:

- Scholarships can be awarded to any volunteer who is age 21 or younger and has volunteered a minimum of 100 hours through the DAV or DAV Auxiliary 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, to include 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 the National Director of Voluntary Services and National Interim Hospital and Voluntary Services Committee and recommendations will be made to the National Commander for final selection.
- All application packets should include the application form, essay and supporting documentation which you would like to have considered by the selection committee.

We encourage you 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 department, chapter or Auxiliary unit officials.

Administration:

The National Voluntary Services Director is responsible for this award on the national level.

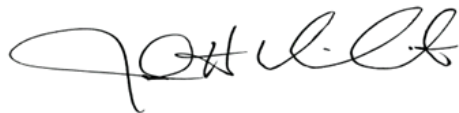
Deadline:

Applications for the 2020 Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship awards will be accepted May 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020. Any application received after the deadline will be held for the next award year.

Expenses:

The top winner 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 parent or guardian.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact our voluntary services staff at JBMYS@dav.org or 888-480-6786 ext. 6



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National Voluntary Services Director

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2020 Hospital and Voluntary Services Award Nomination Form
DAV Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program

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

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

If the volunteer has hours through the VAVS Program please provide:

VAMC Name _____

VAMC City _____ VAMC State _____

VAVS Program Manager _____ Phone _____

If the volunteer has hours through the DAV Local Veterans Assistance Program:

DAV Department _____ Chapter Name _____

DAV LVAP Coordinator _____ Phone _____

Please answer the following questions. (Attach additional sheets as needed.)

1. How many years has the nominee volunteered with the: VAMC _____ DAV LVAP _____

2. During the volunteer's lifetime, how many volunteer hours has he/she donate to:

DAV or Auxiliary VAVS _____ DAV LVAP _____

3. During the past calendar year, did the volunteer maintain employment of any kind? Yes; average hours per week _____ No

4. The volunteer has worked in the following services:

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

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

7. In what ways does the volunteer positively affect other volunteers?

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Name _____

8. Please describe any special aspects of the volunteer you are nominating.

Signature of person completing form:

_____	_____
Please print name	Signature
_____	_____
Title	Date

Consent Form

I, _____, hereby authorize DAV to use my name, photo and biographical information in connection with the Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship.

_____	_____
Signature	Date

_____	_____
Signature of parent or legal guardian, if nominee is younger than 18	Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

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

- Recent photo of nominee, suitable for publicity purposes. Acceptable formats include:
 - (1) Glossy print, at least 4" x 6"
 - (2) JPEG image measuring at least 4" x 6" and 300 ppi or higher (Please send by email or USB drive)
 - (3) Photos of the nominee volunteering at the VAMC.
- Volunteer's 750-1,000 word essay on "What volunteering has meant to me."

Submissions will be accepted May 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020.

Email your submission to **JBMYS@dav.org**, or mail it to:

DAV National Headquarters
ATTN: Jesse Brown Scholarship Submissions
3725 Alexandria Pike
Cold Spring, KY 41076

DAV NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS STAFF USE ONLY:

Hours Verified Verified By _____ Date _____

Signature of DAV National Headquarters Representative _____