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## **JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS AWARDED DAV SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Denver, Colorado**—The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) has selected 12 outstanding young volunteers to receive cash awards under the Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program. The first place scholarship of \$15,000 was awarded to Jamal Donte' Childs of Washington, D.C., who last year contributed 399 hours of volunteer service at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center in his hometown. The second place scholarship of \$10,000 went to Andrew Theodore Kozel who volunteers at the San Antonio, Texas VA Medical Center. Two third place awards of \$7,500 went to Christian Allen Trent of Lexington, Ky., and Jeralyn G. Westercamp of Iowa City, Iowa. Eight others received \$5,000 scholarships.

The Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program honors deserving young people who have donated their time and compassion to sick and disabled veterans in their communities through the DAV Voluntary Service Program.

“This program rewards and encourages young leaders who take the time to serve disabled veterans in their community. At the same time, these future leaders are improving the morale of deserving veterans where they serve,” said DAV National Commander Raymond Dempsey. “Many of the young men and women who receive these scholarships go on to use their education to continue the work they began as volunteers.”

The \$5,000 scholarship winners are: Alexandria Ward, Durham, Va.; Aiesha Nekia Cockerham, Jackson, Miss.; Alexis B. Kula, White City, Ore.; Peter E. Makar, Hines, Ill.; Torrie Nicole Murders, Little Rock, Ark.; Tiara Michelle Johnson, Long Beach, Calif.; Chole June Krause, Columbia, Mo.; and Rajeeve Valiyaveetil Philip.

The 1.2 million-member Disabled American Veterans, a non-profit organization founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932, represents this nation's wartime disabled veterans. It is dedicated to a single purpose: building better lives for our nation's disabled veterans and their families. For more information, visit the organization's Web site [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org).

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