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DAV Scholarships

DAV is seeking nominations for youth volunteers who may be eligible for DAV Scholarships in 2022. 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.

Beginning this year, 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. This is the first year that the amounts have increased, 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 2021 top honor was awarded to an applicant who has spent the last 7 years volunteering at his local VA Medical Center. His goal is to use his degree to continue serving veterans in his local community. 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 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, 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 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 which 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 2022 DAV Scholarships are being accepted now through February 28, 2022. Any application received after the deadline will be held for the next award year.

National Convention Participation:

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 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

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2022 Hospital and Voluntary Services Award Nomination Form

DAV Scholarships

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.

2022 Hospital and Voluntary Services Award Nomination Form, continued

DAV Scholarships

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, 2022. 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 _____



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DAV and DAV Auxiliary Volunteer of the Year Awards


The DAV Volunteer of the Year Awards are awarded annually by DAV in recognition of extraordinary volunteer dedication to the needs of ill and injured veterans through the VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) or Local Veterans Assistance (LVAP) programs.

Only DAV and DAV Auxiliary members who have contributed hours through the programs above are eligible for this prestigious award. An award will be presented to an outstanding volunteer from both the DAV and DAV Auxiliary at the DAV National Convention. Each of the two (2) winners and their companion will receive round-trip airfare (lowest non-refundable fare), hotel accommodations, and per diem for three days. In addition, all individual nominees receive a certificate recognizing their contributions.

We encourage your whole-hearted participation in the nominations for the Volunteer of the Year Award. Department commanders and voluntary service program managers should submit nominations to this office no later than February 28, 2022.

Please return completed forms for one DAV and One DAV Auxiliary volunteer to DAV National Headquarters. Department commanders with more than one VA facility in their state may submit one DAV and one DAVA volunteer from each facility. Please feel free to copy the nomination forms as needed or if you have any additional questions contact Voluntary Services Director John Kleindienst at vavs@dav.org or (859) 442-2056.

Thank you for your efforts in making 2022 a year to remember. What better way is there to honor volunteers who do so much for America's ill and injured veterans! We look forward to hearing from you no later than February 28, 2022.


J. Marc Burgess
National Adjutant

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**2022 Hospital and Voluntary Services Award Nomination Form
Volunteer of the Year**

This nomination is for: DAV DAV Auxiliary

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

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

VAMC Name _____

VAMC _____ Station Code _____ City _____ State _____

VAVS Program Manager _____ Phone _____

NOTE: THE NOMINEE MUST BE A DAV OR DAV AUXILIARY MEMBER. Chapter # _____ Unit # _____

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

1. Total years as a volunteer: _____

2. Lifetime volunteer hours: _____

3. How does the volunteer directly improve the lives of veterans:

4. How does the volunteer's assignment directly affect patient morale?

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

6. Please explain why the volunteer's assignment is valuable to you.

7. The volunteer's dependability is: Fair Good Excellent

8. The volunteer's assignment is: Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. After 5 p.m. Weekends On call

9. Average hours volunteered per week: _____

2022 Hospital and Voluntary Services Award Nomination Form

Volunteer of the Year for: DAV DAV Auxiliary

Nominee's Name _____

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

Approved by *(requires at least one signature)*

DAV Department Commander

VAVS Program Manager

Date

When submitting your nomination, please include the following items:

- 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
- Nominee's signed consent (below)
- Optional:** Photos of the nominee volunteering

Consent Form

I, _____, hereby authorize DAV to use my name, photo and biographical information in connection with the National Commander's Awards Program.

Signature

Date

Please submit your nomination by February 28, 2022 to the Voluntary Services Department via email at **volunteerawards@dav.org** or via postal mail at the address below.

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