

Loudonville, N.Y. youth earns \$10,000 scholarship for service to veterans

RENO, Nev. – Aadya Kaushik, who has volunteered more than 800 hours spanning a five-year period at the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center, has been awarded \$10,000 by DAV (Disabled American Veterans) to pursue her educational goals in the medical field.

The 19-year-old is a recipient of the Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship, which is awarded annually to the top youth volunteers in the DAV Voluntary Services program. Named after former Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown, it honors the memory of a DAV leader dedicated to serving veterans through recognition of those who carry on his legacy of service. The scholarship is open to volunteers age 21 and younger who have contributed a minimum of 100 hours credited through DAV or DAV Auxiliary.

The scholarship will be presented to Kaushik at the DAV and Auxiliary 97th National Convention July 14 in Reno, Nev.

“Aadya’s enthusiasm for serving veterans is inspirational,” said DAV National Voluntary Services Director John Kleindienst. “She is committed to giving her time and listening to the men and women who served tell their stories. She’s well-known and respected by the veterans she assists and the medical staff at the center.”

“Aadya is an amazing young woman who is dedicated to the veterans she serves” said DAV National Adjutant Marc Burgess. “Her ability to understand the importance of talking with veterans and connecting with them on a personal, heartfelt level will serve her well as she pursues a career in the medical field.”

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