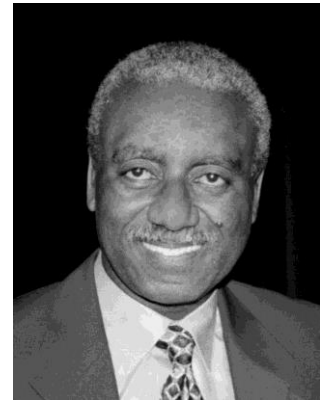


December 2, 2013

**2014 Jesse Brown Memorial  
Youth Scholarship Program  
Nominees Sought**



Dear Commanders and Program Managers:

DAV is again pleased to announce the **2014 Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program** designed to encourage youth volunteers to become active in the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Program and/or DAV's Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP).

The DAV Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program is awarded annually to outstanding youth volunteers who are engaged in the VAVS and/or LVAP program. First place prize includes a \$20,000 scholarship and an expense paid trip to DAV's National Convention with his/her parent/guardian for the award presentation. The second place prize consists of a \$15,000 scholarship and third place prize is a \$10,000 scholarship. There are two fourth place prizes consisting of \$7,500 scholarships each, and three fifth place scholarships at \$5,000 each.

Candidates for the scholarships must be age 21 or younger and must have volunteered a minimum of 100 hours during the previous calendar year. All volunteer hours must be credited to DAV through the VAVS or LVAP program. The scholarships can be used for any accredited institution of higher learning, to include universities, colleges, community colleges, or vocational schools, etc. In addition, each recipient must utilize the entire scholarship prior to reaching age 25, or within six years of receiving the scholarship, whichever is later. Employees of DAV's national organization and their families are eligible for consideration for the scholarships.

It is extremely important to engage and involve youth in the benefits of volunteering, so we ask for your continued support of this scholarship program. It is requested that all DAV Department Commanders and Voluntary Service Program Managers select a youth volunteer from your facilities or within your jurisdiction for this award by completing the attached nomination form. **Nominations must be received no later than Friday, February 7, 2014.**

Nominations may also be received from DAV Chapters, DAV Auxiliary Units and all DAV and DAVA Representatives and Deputy Representatives. Department Commanders with more than one VA facility in their state may submit one youth volunteer from each facility. DAV Departments, Chapters, or Auxiliary Units with youth meeting eligibility requirements may submit nomination forms for youth volunteering through LVAP.

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Youth volunteers may nominate themselves for this award. The self-nomination form can be found on DAV's website at the following link: <http://www.dav.org/help-dav/volunteer/jesse-brown-scholarship/>

Please return completed nomination forms to DAV National Headquarters. Please feel free to copy the nomination form as needed or contact this National Headquarters for additional copies.

You are encouraged to solicit recommendations and information from the VAMC Director, Program Managers and other staff members directly involved with the VAVS program in your facilities. With regard to the LVAP program, Departments, Chapters, or Auxiliary Units, please solicit recommendations and information regarding the youth's participation in LVAP from appropriate DAV officials.

Thank you for your participation. **Remember, your nomination must be received by Friday, February 7, 2014.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Minter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ron" and last name "Minter" clearly distinguishable.

RON MINTER

National Director of Voluntary Services

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Enclosures

c: DAV National Line Officers  
DAV National Executive Committee  
Supervisory National Service Officers  
DAV Auxiliary National Adjutant  
State VAVS Chairpersons  
DAV VAVS Representatives  
Sabrina Clark, Director, Voluntary Service Office,  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Joy Ilem, Deputy National Legislative Director  
Hospital & Voluntary Services Committee

## **2014 Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 Digits of SSN \_\_\_\_\_  
(first) (middle) (last)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip code)

Telephone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ VAMC Station Code \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yy)

VAMC Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (state)

Voluntary Service Program Manager \_\_\_\_\_  
(first) (middle) (last)

VAVS Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Local Veterans Assistance Program Coordinator (LVAP) \_\_\_\_\_  
(first) (last)

LVAP Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

1) During the past calendar year, how many volunteer hours did the youth donate to **VA Voluntary Service**? \_\_\_\_\_ **Local Veterans Assistance Program** \_\_\_\_\_?

2) How many years has the youth volunteered at the **VAMC**? \_\_\_\_\_ **Local Veterans Assistance Program** \_\_\_\_\_?

3) During the past calendar year did the youth maintain employment of any kind?  
\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how many hours a week, on average, did the youth work?

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\_\_\_\_\_

4) What service does the youth volunteer normally work in? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5) How does the youth's presence impact the patients/volunteer program or activity

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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- 6) Has the youth been responsible for introducing additional volunteers? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) The youth volunteer's dependability is ( ) Fair ( ) Good ( ) Excellent
- 8) What are the future goals of the youth that you are nominating? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please understand that it is a requirement that the nominated youth must attach an essay (750 – 1,000 words) discussing “What volunteering has meant to me.”**

Signature  
DAV Department Commander

Date \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Signature  
Voluntary Services Program Manager

Date \_\_\_\_\_