



National Headquarters
3725 Alexandria Pike
Cold Spring, KY 41076
Phone (859) 441-7300
Fax (859) 441-1416
Toll Free (877) 426-2838
www.dav.org

National Service & Legislative Headquarters
807 Maine Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024-2410
Phone (202) 554-3501
Fax (202) 554-3581



AWARDS BULLETIN

HOSPITAL AND VOLUNTARY SERVICES AWARDS BULLETIN For 2015

Release date: November 13, 2014

DAV 2015 Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program

DAV is seeking nominations for the 2015 Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program. As you may know, this program is designed to encourage youth volunteers to become active in the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Program (VAVS) and/or DAV's Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP).

The Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program honors former National Service Officer and Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown. It is given in memory of a DAV leader dedicated to veterans, through the recognition of those who carry on his legacy of service. This scholarship is awarded to youth volunteers who are committed to serving veterans. Each year, one outstanding applicant receives the top scholarship in the amount of \$20,000 to help fund their higher education. In addition, the top winner and parent/guardian receive an expense paid trip to the DAV National Convention to receive the award and be recognized for their dedication and commitment to veterans.

Additional scholarships are awarded annually in the following amounts:

- Second prize of \$15,000
- Third prize of \$10,000
- Fourth prize of \$7,500 (two awarded annually)
- Fifth prize of \$5,000 (three awarded annually)

*The 2014 top honor was awarded to an applicant who had volunteered **585** hours over the span of four years at her local VA medical center.*

Eligibility:

- Scholarships can be awarded to any volunteer who is age 21 or younger and has volunteered for a minimum of 100 hours annually through the VAVS Program, DAV Auxiliary or DAV's LVAP.
- Eligible hours must have occurred in the previous calendar year.
- The youth must credit their volunteer hours to DAV to be considered for the scholarship.

- The scholarships can be used for any accredited institution of higher learning, to include universities, colleges, community colleges, or vocational schools, etc.
- Scholarships must be utilized in full prior to the recipient attaining the age of 25 or within six years of receiving the scholarship, whichever is later.
- Nominations for this award may be submitted by the Voluntary Services Program Manager at a VA medical center, DAV Department Commander or the student may complete a self-nomination.
- All nomination packets should include a nomination form, essay and any supporting documentation which you would like to have considered by the Selection Committee.

As you know, it is vital that we continue to engage and involve youth in the benefits of volunteering, so we ask for your continued support of this scholarship program. To this end, we ask that all DAV Department Commanders and Voluntary Service Program Managers select one youth volunteer from your facility for this award by completing the attached nomination form. Department Commanders with more than one VA facility in their state may submit one youth volunteer from each facility. Please feel free to copy the nomination form as needed or contact DAV National Headquarters for additional forms. **Completed nomination forms should be returned to DAV National Headquarters no later than Friday, February 6, 2015.**

Nominations may also be received from DAV Chapters, DAV Auxiliary Units and all DAV and DAVA Representatives and Deputy Representatives. DAV Departments, Chapters or Auxiliary Units with youth meeting eligibility requirements may submit nomination forms for youth volunteering through LVAP.

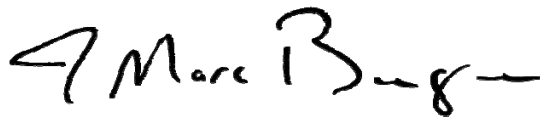
Youth volunteers may also nominate themselves for this award. The self-nomination form can be found on DAV's website at the following link:

<http://www.dav.org/help-dav/volunteer/jesse-brown-scholarship>

We encourage you to solicit recommendations and information from the VAMC 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.

Thank you for your participation. **Please remember, your nomination must be received at DAV National Headquarters by February 6, 2015.**

Sincerely,



J. MARC BURGESS
National Adjutant

JMB/jjh

Enclosures

DAV 2015 Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program Application

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?

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

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

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? _____

9) Please describe any special aspects of the youth volunteer you are nominating.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

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 _____