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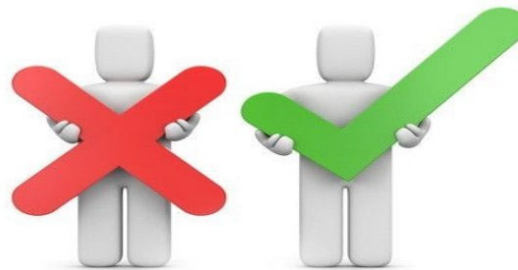
Since its inception, DAV has awarded **241** individual scholarships, including this year's winners, valued at more than **\$1.97 million**, which enables these exceptional young people to pursue their goals in higher education and experience the value and satisfaction of volunteering.

This program was 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).

DAV offers ten scholarships that are awarded annually totaling **\$110,000** to help fund the recipients higher education.

New Scholarship Amounts:
\$30,000; \$20,000; \$15,000; \$10,000; (2) \$7,500; and (4) \$5,000

- Scholarships can be awarded to any volunteer who is age 21 or younger and has volunteered for a minimum of **100 LIFETIME hours** through DAV's LVAP and/or the VAVS Program.
- Applicants under the VAVS Program must credit their hours to DAV or the DAV Auxiliary.
- Scholarships can be used at any accredited institution of higher learning, including universities, colleges, community colleges, vocational schools.
- Scholarships must be utilized in full before the recipient attains age 25 or within six years of receiving the scholarship, whichever is later.



ELIGIBLE OR NOT???

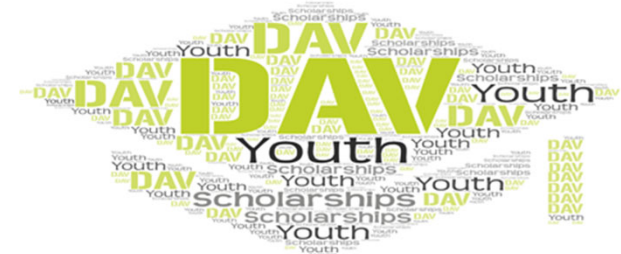


Application Submissions

- Applications for this award may be submitted by the following:
 - A volunteer services representative at a VA medical center
 - DAV Departments, DAV Chapters, DAV Auxiliary units, and all DAV and DAV Auxiliary representatives and deputy representatives.
 - The youth volunteer or the volunteer's family and friends.
- Applications must be submitted with the full consent of the nominee, or the nominee's guardian, authorizing DAV's use of the nominee's name, picture and story for publicity purposes.



- 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 to be considered by the selection committee.
- Applications should be submitted online at www.davscholarships.org. If the nominator does not have access to enter the submission online, complete the paper application.





DAV Scholarships Landing Page

Each year, DAV honors volunteers who demonstrate outstanding dedication and service to America's veterans.

Volunteer service is at the heart of the DAV mission of helping empower more veterans to lead high-quality and fulfilling lives. From volunteering at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers to assisting veterans in their local communities, DAV volunteers make a real difference in the lives of veterans. DAV offers **\$110,000 in scholarships annually** to be used toward any accredited institution of higher learning, including universities, colleges, community colleges and vocational schools.

[APPLY NOW](#)

This college scholarship is open to volunteers age 21 or younger who have contributed a minimum of 100 hours credited through DAV or DAV Auxiliary. Students may apply with the inclusion of an essay on what volunteering for veterans means for them. Anyone can nominate a worthy candidate including the student/applicant.

Eligibility Requirements


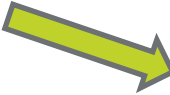


- Scholarships can be awarded to any volunteer who is age 21 or younger and has volunteered for a minimum of **100 hours** through DAV or DAV Auxiliary.
- Scholarships can be used at any accredited institution of higher learning; to include universities, colleges, community colleges, vocational schools, etc.
- Scholarships must be utilized in full prior to the recipient attaining the age of 25, or within 6 years of receiving the scholarship, whichever is later.
- [Nominations](#) for this award may be submitted by the applicant, Voluntary Service Program Managers at VA medical centers, members of DAV departments and chapters, or friends and family.

We have refreshed the DAV scholarships page to make it automated. This automated facelift makes it more inviting, not just for potential applicants but also for those submitting applications on behalf of the student volunteers.



DAV Scholarships Landing Page

The landing page was redesigned to include:

- Fast Facts about our Scholarships program. 
- A video highlight of our current top scholarship winner. 
- “Past Recipients” where you can find out a little more about their volunteerism and what future plans they may have. 
- “Related Resources” gives you links to additional volunteer platforms offered. 

Fast Facts

Scholarship Amounts:

\$30,000; \$20,000; \$15,000;
\$10,000; \$7,500(2); and \$5,000(4)

Application Deadline:

The application period for 2024 is now closed. We are now accepting applications for our 2025 scholarships.

Eligibility:

Minimum of 100 volunteer hours through DAV or DAV Auxiliary.



Past Recipients



[Amelia Marcum](#)
2024



[Jacob Weber](#)
2023



[Evan Osgood](#)
2022

Related Resources

[About the Local Veterans Assistance Program](#) [Volunteer for Veterans](#)



Login/Registration

When you click “**APPLY NOW**,” it will take you to a page where you will have to either login or register.



If you do not have a login you will click on “**New user registration.**”



Please enter your username and password below.

If you are a DAV or DAV Auxiliary member who has already completed a registration for the BBIS Membership Portal, please log on using that User ID and Password.

If you do not have a username and password, click “New user registration” to register.

Login

Username:

Password:

Remember login



[New user registration](#)

[Forgotten password](#)



Login/Registration

- Once you go through the registration process, you will receive the following message. You will also receive an email with the same message.
- Once you receive an email stating your account is active, you can login and click on **“START A NEW APPLICATION.”**

THANK YOU FOR REGISTERING

It might take up to 2 business days to process your registration request. You will receive an email notification once your registration has been finalized.

If you have any questions, please contact us by email at volunteerawards@dav.org, or by phone at 888-480-6786.

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the scholarship application, please email volunteerawards@dav.org.

DAV Youth Scholarship Applications:

Status:

Date created:

Applicant:

Submission date:

[START A NEW APPLICATION](#)

[VIEW THIS APPLICATION](#)

You can return to the login screen by going to the DAV website and clicking **Apply Now** under the scholarships tab or by going to <https://www.mydav.org/scholarship/login>.



Scholarship Electronic Application

* The fields with the asterisks indicate that it is required.



Volunteer's Name*

Date of Birth*

Address*

City*

State*

Zip*

Phone #*

Email address

DAV is authorized to use the name, photo, and bio information from this application in connection with DAV Youth Scholarship*

Yes

No



Please indicate if DAV is authorized to use the name, photo, and bio by selecting either the “Yes” or “No” radio button.

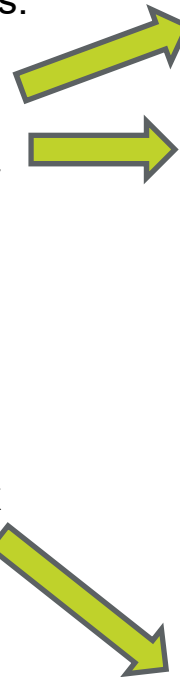


Scholarship Electronic Application

We have changed, added and combined some questions.

When answering the following questions:

1. Click **“Months”** or **“Years.”**
A text box will appear; if known enter the number of months or years the nominee has volunteered.
2. Check the box to indicate where the nominee has volunteered in the past year. If you select **“Other,”** a text box will open to enter additional information.



Please answer the following questions:

1. If known, how many months/years has the nominee volunteered?

Months

Years

of years

2. During the past year, where has the nominee volunteered?

VA Medical Facility

Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP)

VolunteerForVeterans.org

Other

3. Select **“Yes”** or **“No”** if the nominee participates in clubs or activities. If you select **“Yes,”** a text box will open to enter additional information.



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. In the text box, explain how the volunteer’s presence impacts the patients, volunteer program or activity as well as how the nominee directly affects patient morale or other volunteers.

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?*



Scholarship Electronic Application

5. Select “**Yes**” or “**No**” if the volunteer has introduced additional volunteers into DAV VAVS or LVAP programs. If “**Yes**,” a text box will open to enter additional information. Please let us know how many volunteers they may have introduced and to which program.



5. Has the volunteer been responsible for introducing additional volunteers into the DAV VAVS, LVAP and/or Volunteer for Veterans program?

- Yes
- No

If Yes, please elaborate

6. In the text box, describe any special aspects of the student volunteer.

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Scholarship Electronic Application

7. In the text box, describe how the student plans to use the scholarship and what the student intends to do to serve veterans in the future?



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. In the text box, let us know how you heard about the DAV Scholarship?



8. How did you hear about this scholarship?

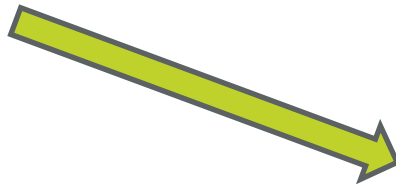


Scholarship Electronic Application

Lastly, we have made it easier than ever to upload the volunteer's essay (required), recent photo (optional), and volunteer engagement photo (optional), as well as any other additional documents you feel may help the volunteer be selected for the scholarship.

Multiple "Additional document" tabs are provided, as only one document can be uploaded per "Choose File" selection.

Click "SAVE APPLICATION."



In addition to the above application, please include the following items with your nomination: *NOTE: Only one file can be*

uploaded per 'choose file' selection.
750-1,000 word essay on "What volunteering has meant to me"

Choose File No file chosen

CLEAR FILE

Recent photo of nominee (optional)

Choose File No file chosen

CLEAR FILE

Volunteer engagement photo (optional)

Choose File No file chosen

CLEAR FILE

Additional document (optional)

Choose File No file chosen

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SAVE APPLICATION



Scholarship Electronic Application

If you are NOT done with the application and want to come back to it later, click **“SAVE APPLICATION,”** and you can come back and finish at any time. If you are done you can click on the **“SUBMIT”** button, and it will send the application directly to the NHQ Voluntary Services team.



You will then receive the following message thanking you for submitting an application for the DAV Scholarship.



Thank you for submitting an application for the DAV Scholarship.

Your application will be reviewed by Voluntary Services and you will be notified if we need additional information.

If you have any questions, please contact us by email at volunteerawards@dav.org or by phone at 888-480-6786.

Your submission reference is
JBA-1427

IT'S THAT EASY!





Scholarship Paper Application



2025 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 VAWS or LVAP program? Yes No
If yes, please elaborate.

6. Please describe any special aspects of the student volunteer.

2025 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. 29, 2024. 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 _____

Applications can be submitted through **February 28th**. Anything received after that date will be held for the following year.



Should you experience any issues with the online form, please email us at volunteerawards@dav.org to request a paper copy of the scholarship application.



Eligible Volunteers

Due to recent changes on each States Privacy laws we are no longer able to send out every department and chapter the report that list all youth volunteers that meet the criteria to be eligible for the youth scholarship.

Now, in late November or early December, our Voluntary Services Department will be reaching out to each eligible youth volunteer and encourage them to apply for our Scholarships Program.

Please remain engaged with youth volunteers and encourage them to submit nominations to www.davscholarships.org for potential consideration of this robust opportunity.



Do you know a young person who would be a great VOLUNTEER?!?

We feel that more students would get involved if they are aware of the generous scholarships available as well as the vast opportunities to help veterans.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD!!!

Benefits to young volunteers:

- Gain professional experience
- Healthcare career possibilities
- Completing high school volunteer requirements
- Community involvement
- Earn financial assistance toward higher education



We need to encourage and reward these future leaders who are making a positive change in the lives of our nation's heroes and their families.



Recruit Young Volunteers

It is important that we continue to engage and involve young men and women in the benefits of volunteering, so we are asking for your continued support of this scholarship program.



We would not be able to serve our nation's heroes without dedicated young volunteers across the country.



Past Recipient Interviews

Check out these videos to see what the scholarship means to these recipients.



2016 Scholarship \$20,000 Recipient

<https://www.facebook.com/DAV/videos/280546983459198/>



2016 Scholarship \$15,000 Recipient

<https://www.facebook.com/DAV/videos/276381854084748/>



2019 Scholarship \$15,000 Recipient

<https://www.facebook.com/DAV/videos/267408691659593/>



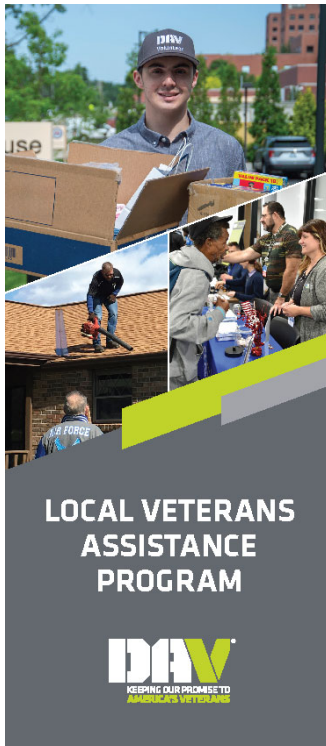
2020 Scholarship \$7,500 & 2021 \$15,000 Recipient

<https://www.facebook.com/DAV/videos/301569691600062/>



Promotional Materials

LVAP Brochure



Scholarships Brochure



Volunteer Poster



If you would like any of the brochures or posters please contact Voluntary Services at VAVS@dav.org, and we will be happy to send them to you at no charge.



For More Information on DAV Scholarships

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