

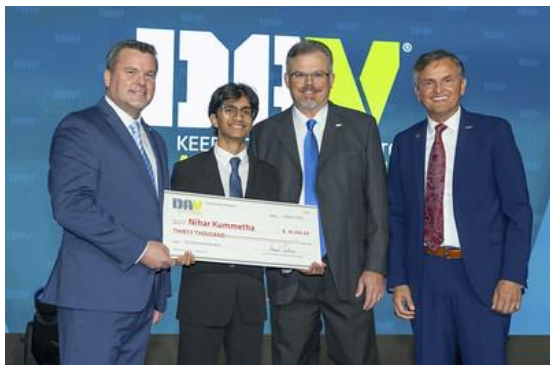


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Purpose

To encourage youth volunteers to become active in DAV's **Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP)** and/or the Department of **Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS)** program.

These scholarships help fund recipients' higher education.

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Scholarships awarded since program's inception

\$2.08 million

Total awards given

15

Number of annual scholarships

\$140,000

Total annual award

New Scholarship Amounts:

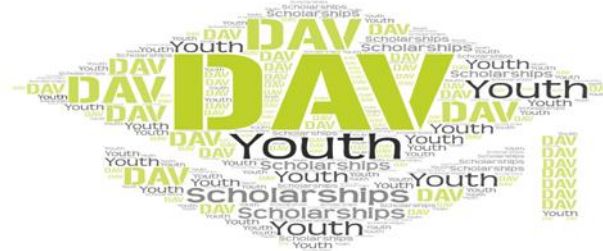
\$30,000; \$20,000; \$15,000; \$10,000 (2); \$7,500 (4); \$5,000 (4), and \$2,500 (2)

- Must be **21 or younger**
- Volunteered a minimum of **100 lifetime hours** through DAV's LVAP and/or the VAVS program
- VAVS hours must be credited to **DAV**
- Used at any accredited institution of higher learning including **universities, colleges, community colleges, and vocational schools**
- Utilized in full before the recipient reaches **25 or within six years** of receiving the scholarship, whichever is later

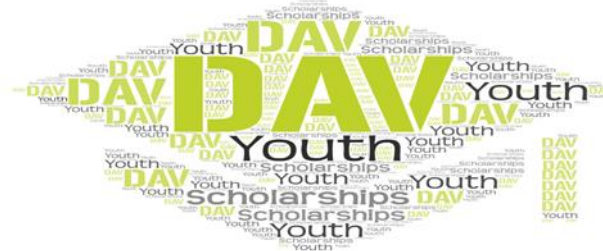


- Applications for this award may be submitted by:
 - A **volunteer services representative** at a VA medical center
 - **DAV Departments, DAV Chapters, DAV Auxiliary units, and all DAV and DAV Auxiliary representatives and deputy representatives.**
 - The **student volunteer** or the volunteer's **family 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
 - The National Interim Hospital and Voluntary Services Committee
 - DAV 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 student volunteers who demonstrate outstanding dedication and service to America's veterans. To recognize that dedication and to promote volunteerism, DAV offers \$140,000 in scholarships annually to be used toward any accredited institution of higher learning, including universities, colleges, community colleges and vocational schools.

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.

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 facelift makes it more inviting—not just for potential applicants— but also for those submitting applications on behalf of the student volunteers.

The landing page was redesigned to include:

- **Fast Facts** about our Scholarships program
- A **video highlight** of our current top scholarship winner
- **Past Recipients** stories of volunteerism and future plans
- **Related Resources** linking to additional volunteer platforms offered

Fast Facts

Scholarship Amounts:

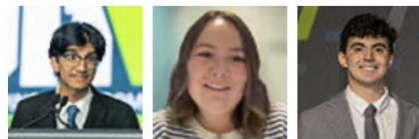
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Application Deadline:

The deadline to apply
for 2026 scholarships is
Feb. 28, 2026.



Past Recipients



[Nihar](#)

[Kummetha](#)

2025

[Amelia](#)

[Marcum](#)

2024

[Jacob](#)

[Weber](#)

2023

Related Resources

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

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

APPLY NOW

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

LOGIN

[New user registration](#)

[Forgotten password](#)

- After the registration process, you'll receive the following message (which will also be in an email).

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.

- Once you receive an account activation email, you can log in and click on **“START A NEW APPLICATION.”**

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:

[VIEW THIS APPLICATION](#)

[START A NEW APPLICATION](#)

You can return to the login screen by going to <https://www.mydav.org/scholarship/login>.



Scholarship Electronic Application

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

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



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*

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Yes

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No

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?

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Months

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Years

of years

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

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VA Medical Facility

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Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP)

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VolunteerForVeterans.org

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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.

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.

3. Is the student a member of any school clubs, National Honor Society, sports, JROTC, etc.?

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Yes

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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. 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.

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

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

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Yes

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No

If Yes, please elaborate

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

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?



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



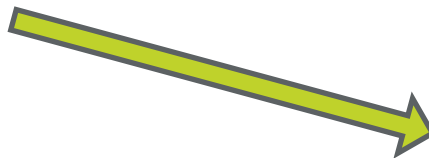
8. How did you hear about this scholarship?

We've made it easy to upload the:

- **Volunteer's essay** (required)
- **Recent photo** (optional)
- **Volunteer engagement photo** (optional)
- **Additional documents** that may help the volunteer's selection

Multiple **Additional document** tabs are provided; 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"*

No file chosen

Recent photo of nominee (optional)

No file chosen

Volunteer engagement photo (optional)

No file chosen

Additional document (optional)

No file chosen

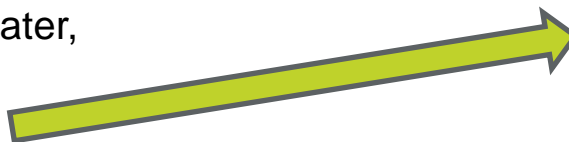
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If you're not done with the application and want to finish later, click **SAVE APPLICATION**.



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SUBMIT

When you're done, click the **SUBMIT** button to send it to the National Voluntary Services team.

You'll 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



2026 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 _____

VAWS 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: _____



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

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.

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
- Health care 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 veterans and their families.

It's important that we continue engaging and involving young men and women in volunteering, **so we're asking for your continued support of this scholarship program.**



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

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

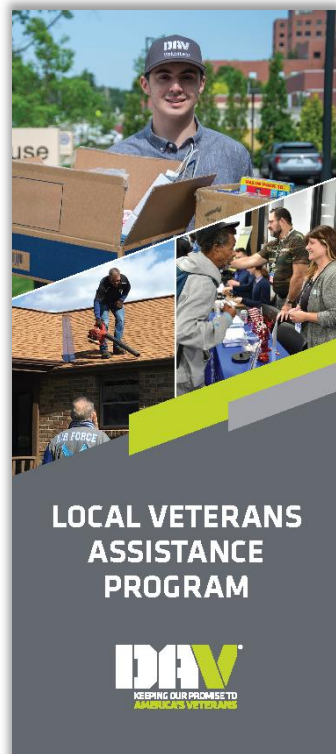
<https://www.facebook.com/DAV/videos/267408691659593/>



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

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

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.

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