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TO: National Executive Committee
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FROM: Barry A. Jesinoski, National Adjutant

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SUBJECT: Expanding the DAV Scholarships Program

I'm excited to share that DAV has expanded our youth scholarship program to award more student volunteers for their service to veterans.

We're now offering 15 scholarships annually with \$140,000 in total awards. Individual scholarships will range from \$2,500 to \$30,000.

This initiative is about more than financial support; it's about encouraging the next generation to engage with our mission of helping ill and injured veterans. Many past recipients have described their volunteer experiences with DAV as life-changing, including this year's top scholarship winner, [Nihar Kummetha](#). His 375+ volunteer hours at the VA medical center in Charlotte, North Carolina, inspired him to study biochemistry at the University of Pennsylvania.

Eligible students must be 21 or younger and have at least 100 DAV-credited volunteer hours, whether through a VA medical facility, a DAV chapter, or a DAV Auxiliary unit. Scholarships may be used at any accredited college, trade school or technical program.

As members and leaders within DAV, you play a critical role in supporting this program. Please help us spread the word, and encourage young volunteers in your communities to apply before the Feb. 28, 2026, deadline.

To learn more or share the application link, visit davscholarships.org.

Sincerely,

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