



National Convention Award
Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program
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DAV is seeking nominations for the 2019 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 (VAVS) Program and/or DAV's Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP). 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.

The Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program honors former Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown, who was also a DAV national service officer and executive director at the National Service and Legislative Headquarters. The scholarship is given in memory of a DAV leader dedicated to veterans, through the recognition of those who carry on his legacy of service. It 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 his or her higher education.

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 2018 top honor was awarded to an applicant who had volunteered **730** hours over the span of five years at her local VA medical center.

Nominations:

- Nominations for this award may be submitted by the voluntary services program manager at a VA medical center or a DAV department commander, or the student may complete a self-nomination.
- Nominations may also be received from DAV chapters, DAV Auxiliary units, and all DAV and Auxiliary representatives and deputy representatives. DAV departments, chapters or Auxiliary units with youth meeting eligibility requirements may submit nomination forms for youth volunteering through LVAP.
- We encourage you to solicit recommendations and information from the VA medical center 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.

- Nominations must be submitted with the full consent of the nominee authorizing DAV's use of their name, picture, and story for publicity purposes. Submit nominee's signed written consent found on the nomination form.
- Nominations will be reviewed by the national director of voluntary services and national interim hospital and voluntary services committee and recommendations made to the national commander for final selection.

Eligibility:

- Scholarships can be awarded to any volunteer who is age 21 or younger and has volunteered for a minimum of 100 hours through the DAV VAVS Program, DAV Auxiliary or DAV's LVAP.
- Nominees must credit their volunteer hours to DAV or DAV Auxiliary 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.
- 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.
- All nomination packets should include a nomination form, essay and any supporting documentation which you would like to have considered by the selection committee.

Administration:

The national voluntary services director is responsible for this award on the national level.

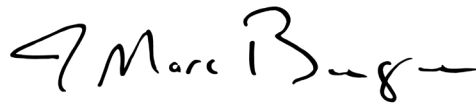
Deadline:

All nominations must be received **no later than February 28, 2019.**

Expenses:

The top winner will be presented the award at the DAV national convention. Round-trip airfare (lowest coach, nonrefundable fare), hotel accommodations for two nights and meals per diem for up to three days will be provided for the winner and a parent or guardian.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact National Voluntary Services Director John Kleindienst at natlconvawards@dav.org or 859-442-2056.



J. MARC BURGESS
National Adjutant



National Convention Awards DAV and Auxiliary George H. Seal Memorial Awards **GOVERNING RULES**

DAV and DAV Auxiliary George H. Seal Memorial Awards

This year marks the 42nd anniversary of the **George H. Seal Memorial Trophy**, which is awarded annually by DAV in recognition of extraordinary volunteer dedication to the needs of ill and injured veterans through the VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) Program. The award honors the memory and accomplishments of George H. Seal, a World War II combat-injured paratrooper who made many significant contributions during his lengthy career as a DAV national VAVS representative and member of the VAVS National Advisory Committee.

The DAV and DAVA winners will receive a trophy replica, and their names will be engraved on the George H. Seal Memorial Trophy, which is permanently displayed at DAV National Headquarters in Cold Spring, Ky. In addition, all individual nominees receive a certificate recognizing their contributions.

What better way is there to honor volunteers who do so much for America's ill and injured veterans! We look forward to hearing from you.

Nominations:

- Nominations for this award may be submitted by a DAV department commander or voluntary service program managers.
- Please return a completed nomination form for one DAV and one DAV Auxiliary VAVS volunteer from your VA medical facility. Department commanders with more than one VA facility in their state may submit one DAV and one Auxiliary volunteer from each facility.
- All Nominations must be submitted with the full consent of the nominee authorizing DAV's use of their name, picture, and story for publicity purposes. Submit nominee's signed written consent found on the nomination form.
- Nominations will be reviewed by the national director of voluntary services and national interim hospital and voluntary services committee and recommendations made to the national commander for final selection.

Eligibility:

Only DAV and DAV Auxiliary members enrolled as accredited VAVS volunteers are eligible for this prestigious award.

Administration:

The National Voluntary Services Director is responsible for this award on the national level.

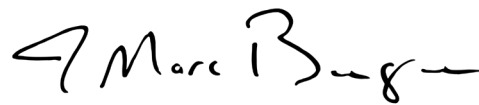
Deadline:

All nominations must be received **no later than February 28, 2019.**

Expenses:

The winners will be presented their award at the DAV national convention. Round-trip airfare (lowest coach, nonrefundable fare), hotel accommodations for two nights and meals per diem for up to three days will be provided for the winners and their companion.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact National Voluntary Services Director John Kleindienst at natlconvawards@dav.org or 859-442-2056.

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J. MARC BURGESS
National Adjutant

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2019 Hospital and Voluntary Services Award Nomination Form

Use this form to nominate a volunteer at your facility for a George H. Seal Memorial Trophy or to apply for a DAV Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship.

Type of Nomination (Select One): Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship DAV Seal Award DAV Auxiliary Seal Award

Seal award nominee must be a DAV or DAV Auxiliary member. Chapter/Unit # _____ State _____

Nominee's Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

VAMC Name _____

VAMC _____ Station Code _____ City _____ State _____

VAVS Program Manager _____ Phone _____

FOR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS ONLY

DAV LVAP Coordinator _____ Phone _____

Please answer the following questions. (Attach additional sheets as needed.)

1. How many years has the nominee volunteered with the: VAMC _____ DAV LVAP _____

2. During the volunteer's lifetime, how many volunteer hours has he/she donated to:

DAV VA Voluntary Service _____ DAV LVAP _____

3. During the past calendar year, did the volunteer maintain employment of any kind? Yes; average hours per week _____ No

4. The volunteer has worked in the following services:

5. How does the volunteer's presence impact the patients, volunteer program or activity? How does he/she directly affect patient morale?

6. Has the volunteer been responsible for introducing additional volunteers into the DAV VAVS or LVAP program? Yes No

If yes, please elaborate.

2019 DAV Hospital and Voluntary Services Award Nomination Form, continued

Award: Youth Scholarship DAV Seal Auxiliary Seal Nominee's Name: _____

7. In what ways does the volunteer positively affect other volunteers?

8. Please describe any special aspects of the volunteer you are nominating.

FOR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS ONLY

How did you learn about DAV's Jesse Brown Youth Scholarship Program?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> DAV's hospital service coordinator, representative or volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> DAV department commander, adjutant or staff member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DAV's website | <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook or social media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VA chief or VA Voluntary Service program manager | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

What are the future goals of the youth that you are nominating?

TO BE COMPLETED BY HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE OR VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR. *(Optional for youth scholarship nominations.)*

The volunteer's dependability is: Fair Good Excellent

The volunteer's assignment is: Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. After 5 p.m. Weekends On call

Average hours volunteered per week: _____

Please explain why the volunteer's assignment is valuable to the service chief.

2019 DAV Hospital and Voluntary Services Award Nomination Form, continued

Award: Youth Scholarship DAV Seal Auxiliary Seal Nominee's Name: _____

Approved by *(requires at least one signature)*

DAV Department Commander

VAVS Program Manager

Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

In addition to this application, please include the following items with your nomination:

- 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
- Nominee's signed consent (below).
- Youth Scholarship Nominations Only:** Nominee's 750–1,000 word essay on "What volunteering has meant to me."
- Optional:** Photos of the nominee volunteering at the VAMC.

Consent Form

I, _____, hereby authorize DAV to use my name, photo and biographical information in connection with the National Commander's Awards Program.

Signature

Date

Signature of parent or legal guardian, if nominee is younger than 18

Date

Please submit your nomination by Feb. 28, 2019. Email your submission to natlconvawards@dav.org, or mail it to:

DAV National Headquarters
ATTN: National Convention Awards
3725 Alexandria Pike
Cold Spring, KY 41076