

DAV Scholarships

SUPPORTING VICTORIES FOR VETERANS





The Next Generation of Volunteers

Since its inception, DAV has awarded 211 individual scholarships valued at more than \$1.6 million, enabling these exceptional young people to pursue their goals in higher education and experience the significance of volunteering.

This program is designed to encourage young men and women to become active in DAV's Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP) and/or the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services Program (VAVS).

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

Scholarships are awarded annually in the following amounts:

- One scholarship of \$30,000

- One scholarship of \$20,000

- One scholarship of \$15,000

- One scholarship \$10,000

- Two scholarships of \$7,500

- Four scholarships of \$5,000



DAV Scholarships Landing Page

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

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\$110,000 Awarded Annually



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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

- 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.
- Volunteer hours can be accumulated at a VA medical center, and/or the Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP). Hours must be credited to Disabled American Veterans.
- 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.

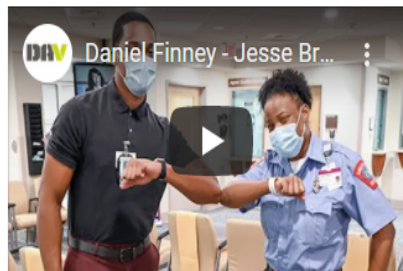
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Scholarship Amounts:

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

Application Deadline:

February 28, 2022



Past Recipients



Daniel Finney
2021



Tanner Johnson
2020



Hailey Curnett
2019

Related Resources

[About the Local Veterans Assistance Program](#)

The landing page was redesigned to include:

- A video highlight of our current top scholarship winner.
- Under **“Past Recipients”** you can click a recipient to 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.

APPLY NOW

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

LOGIN

[New user registration](#)

[Forgotten password](#)

Once you go through the registration process, you will receive the following message. You will also receive an email with the same message.



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.

Once you login you will click on **“START A NEW APPLICATION.”**



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

DAV Scholarship

Hospital and Voluntary Services Award Nomination Form

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.

Scholarships can be awarded to any volunteer who is age 21 or younger and has volunteered for a minimum of 100 hours in service to veterans.

- Volunteer hours can be accumulated at a VA medical center, under DAV's Volunteer for Veterans Program and/or the Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP). Hours must be credited to Disabled American Veterans.
- 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, DAV departments, DAV chapters or family and friends.

Please Note – in order to successfully complete and submit the application you will be required to submit a 750-1,000 word essay on “What volunteering has meant to me,” which can be uploaded using the tabs provided at the conclusion of this form. There are additional items requested that are optional and can also be uploaded using the tabs provided.

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



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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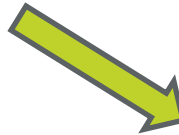
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If yes, please elaborate and list any awards the student has received.

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?*

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?

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Yes

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No

If Yes, please elaborate

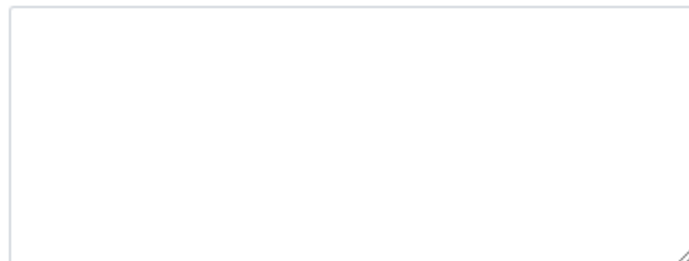
6. In the text box, describe any special aspects of the student volunteer.

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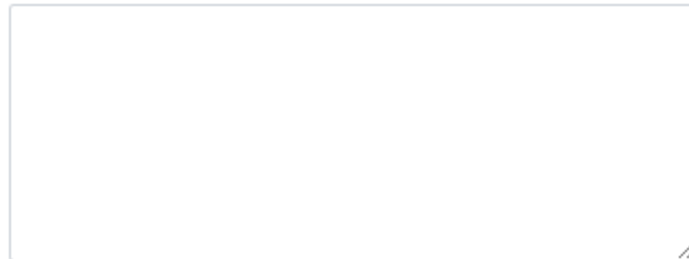
7. In the text box, describe how the student plans to use the scholarship and what the student intends to do to serve veterans in the future?

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

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8. How did you hear about this scholarship?

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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"*

No file chosen

Recent photo of nominee (optional)

No file chosen

Volunteer engagement photo (optional)

No file chosen

Additional document (optional)

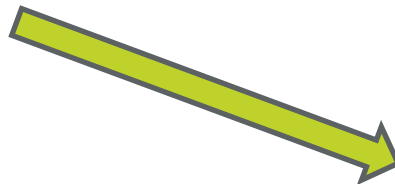
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Additional document (optional)

No file chosen

Additional document (optional)

No file chosen





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

If you do not have access to the internet and the electronic form, you can still submit the paper form.

DAV® 2022 Hospital and Voluntary Services Award Nomination Form
DAV Scholarships Program

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 VAVS or LVAP program? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please elaborate.

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

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Voluntary Services Award Nomination Form, continued

the scholarship? What does the student volunteer intend to do to serve veterans in the future?

Following items with your nomination:

ee's 750-1,000 word essay on "What volunteering has meant to me."

able for publicity purposes. Acceptable formats include:

measuring at least 4" x 6" and 300 ppi or higher

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your submission to volunteerawards@dav.org, or mail it to:

DAV National Headquarters
ATTN: Voluntary Services
860 Dolwick Drive
Erlanger, KY 41018

Date _____

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In late November/Early December, every department and chapter is provided a report that list all youth volunteers that meet the criteria to be eligible for the youth scholarship. This criteria includes:

- Volunteer efforts done through LVAP, VAVS, or a combination of both.
- Age 21 or younger and has a **minimum of 100 LIFETIME** volunteer hours.



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Volunteers Eligible for DAV Scholarships

Alabama

Name/Address	2021 LVAP	2021 VAVS	Lifetime LVAP	Lifetime VAVS
Joseph C. Abram	0	0	3,487	0
Aidan R. Armstrong	0	0	247	0
Braden C. Bankston	0	0	244	0
Zakary D. Brooks	0	0	253	0
Ta'kari B. Bryant	0	0	244	0
Nathan C. Cawley	0	0	275	0
MaKayla Crooms	0	0	264	0
McKayla E. Eastridge	0	0	268	0

The report is made available to each department and chapter to make it easier to recognize our youth volunteers and allow them to compete with others around the country for this prestigious scholarship award.

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.

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.

There were approximately 440 young men and women that were eligible for the 2021 scholarship.

And with your help, we were able to exceed our goal of 40 applications!

The 2021 program year was record setting with nearly 80 eligible applicants.

THAT IS HUGE!
PLEASE LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN AGAIN!



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

LOCAL VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



The Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP) was established to facilitate and recognize volunteer initiatives that contribute to the lives of our nation's ill and injured heroes. The program empowers individuals to find and develop new and unique ways to use their skills and talents to support the service and sacrifice of our veterans and their families. By providing resources, assistance or help with everyday needs, volunteers help these heroes and their families enjoy the best quality of life possible.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
3725 Alexandria Pike
Cold Spring, KY 41076
859-441-7300
Toll Free 877-426-2838


NATIONAL SERVICE AND LEGISLATIVE HEADQUARTERS
807 Maine Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20024
202-554-3501

TO VOLUNTEER, GET HELP OR DONATE, VISIT:
DAV.ORG



FULFILLING OUR PROMISES
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

RECOGNIZE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE BY DONATING YOUR TIME TO OUR NATION'S HEROES.



LVAP initiatives are managed by state-level DAV departments. Individual volunteers and groups may report their time for a variety of activities. Referenced below are just a few examples of how volunteers, DAV chapters, Auxiliary units and corporations can share their skills, talents, professional abilities and time in ways that benefit veterans.

- Work to support DAV departments and chapters
- DAV-specific outreach efforts
- Fundraising efforts (Forget-Me-Not and other approved fundraisers)
- Direct assistance to veterans, survivors, or families, such as yard work, home repairs, grocery shopping, respite care for caregivers, etc.
- Offering pro bono professional services, or using a skill or trade to provide training or support to veterans, their families or DAV entities
- Support activities for homeless veterans
- Involvement in community activities that support and encourage veterans

If you'd like to serve heroes in your community, please reach out to your local DAV department, or contact the DAV National Voluntary Services Department by emailing vavs@dav.org or calling 877-426-2838.

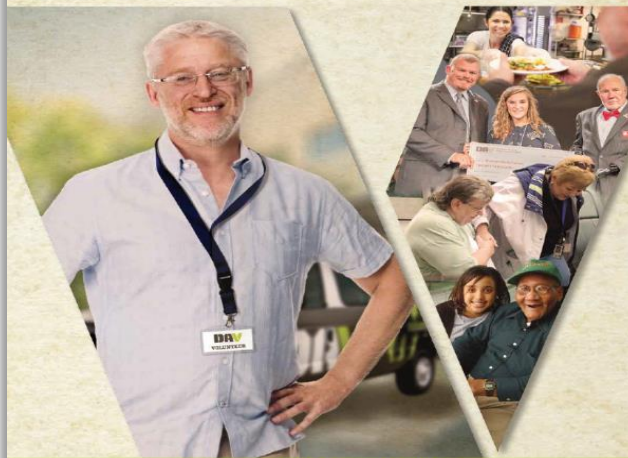
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Volunteer Poster

HELP KEEP THE PROMISE TO AMERICA'S VETERANS
BECOME A VOLUNTEER



"There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer." –James Doolittle

DAV VOLUNTARY SERVICES PROGRAMS

Transportation Network
DAV volunteers transport injured and ill veterans to and from VA medical facilities for treatment. Annually DAV volunteers contribute 2 million hours to veterans at VA hospitals. Through a variety of other kind programs, these dedicated volunteers reach into their communities to help disabled veterans and their families.

The Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP)
LVAP empowers individuals to find and develop new and unique ways to use their skills and talents to support the service and sacrifice of our veterans and their families. By providing resources, assistance or help with everyday needs, volunteers allow these heroes and their families to enjoy the best quality of life possible.

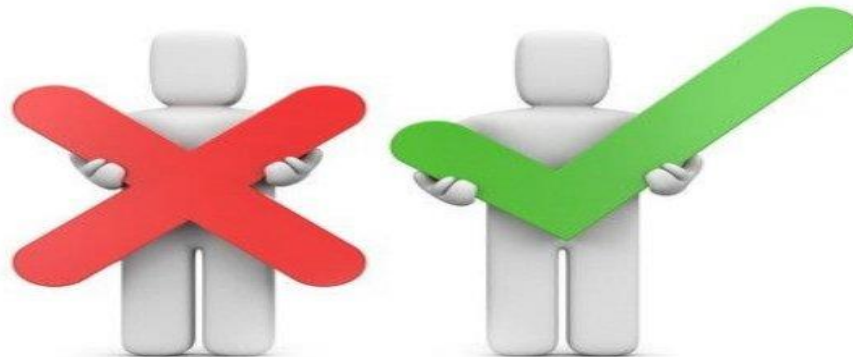
Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship
DAV offers college scholarships to youth volunteers who dedicate their time to veterans in their community. Since its inception, DAV has awarded 155 individual scholarships valued at a total of \$1,118,000 to enable these exceptional young people to pursue their goals in higher education.

DAV **FULFILLING OUR PROMISES**
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

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[fs.com/DAV](https://www.dav.org) [@DAVHQ](https://www.dav.org) [@DAVETERANS](https://www.dav.org)

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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- ✓ 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???

- 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.





For More Information on DAV Scholarships



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