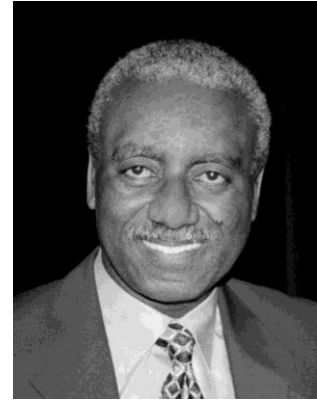


December 1, 2011

**2012 Jesse Brown Memorial
Youth Scholarship Program
Nominees Sought**



Dear Commanders and Program Managers:

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is again pleased to announce the **2012 Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program** designed to encourage youth volunteers to become active in Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) programs.

The Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program is awarded annually to outstanding youth volunteers who are engaged in VAVS programs. First place prize includes a \$20,000 scholarship and an expense paid trip to DAV's National Convention with his/her parent/guardian for the award presentation. Second place prize consists of a \$15,000 scholarship. Third place prize consists of a \$10,000 scholarship. Two fourth place prizes consisting of \$7,500 scholarships each, and three fifth place scholarships at \$5,000 each.

Candidates for the scholarships must be age 21 or younger and must have volunteered a minimum of 100 hours during the previous calendar year. All volunteer hours must be credited to the Disabled American Veterans. Volunteer hours accumulated under the DAV's Local Veterans Assistance Program (LVAP) are also eligible for consideration. The scholarships can be used for any accredited institution of higher learning, to include universities, colleges, community colleges, or vocational schools, etc. In addition, each recipient must utilize the entire scholarship prior to reaching age 25, or within six years of receiving the scholarship, whichever is later. Employees of the DAV national organization and their families are eligible for consideration for the scholarships.

With the evident need to enlist younger volunteers in the ranks of VAVS programs, we ask for your continued support of this program. It is requested all DAV Department Commanders and Voluntary Service Program Managers select a youth volunteer from your facilities for consideration of this award by completing the attached nomination form. **Nominations must be received no later than Monday, February 27, 2012.**

Department Commanders with more than one VA facility in their state may submit one youth volunteer from each facility. Please use the enclosed return envelope for submitting the completed nomination form for one VAVS youth volunteer from your facility.

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Please feel free to copy the nomination form as needed or contact this National Headquarters for additional copies. In addition, youth volunteers may nominate themselves for this award. The requested application can be located on the DAV's web site www.dav.org under Voluntary Services.

You are urged to solicit recommendations and information from the VAMC Director, Service Managers and other staff members directly involved with the VAVS program in your facilities. Nominations may also be received from DAV chapters, DAV Auxiliary Units and all DAV and DAVA Representatives and Deputy Representatives.

Thank you for your participation. **Remember, your nomination must be received by Monday, February 27, 2012.**

Sincerely,



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National Director of Voluntary Services

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Enclosures

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DAV National Line Officers
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Supervisory National Service Officers
DAV Auxiliary National Adjutant
State VAVS Chairpersons
DAV VAVS Representatives
Laura Balun, Director, Voluntary Service Office,
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2012 Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program

Name _____ SSN _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Address _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip code)

Telephone(____)_____ Birthdate_____ VAMC Station Code _____
(mm/dd/yy)

VAMC Name _____
(city) (state)

Voluntary Service Program Manager _____
(first) (middle) (last)

VAVS Telephone (____) _____

- 1) During the past calendar year, how many volunteer hours did the youth donate to VA Voluntary Service? _____ Local Veterans Assistance Program _____
- 2) How many years has the youth volunteered at the VAMC? _____
- 3) During the past calendar year did the youth maintain employment of any kind?
_____ If yes, how many hours a week, on the average, did the youth work?

- 4) What service does the youth volunteer normally work in? _____

- 5) How does the youth's presence impact the patients/volunteer program or activity

- 6) Has the youth been responsible for introducing additional volunteers? _____
- 7) The youth volunteer's dependability is () Fair () Good () Excellent

