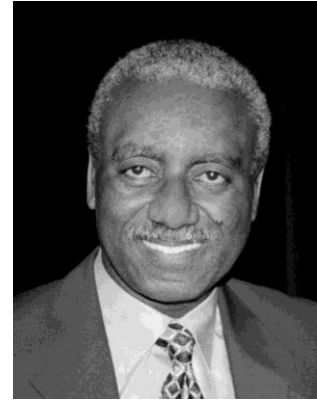


December 1, 2011

**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](http://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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Minter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ron" and last name "Minter" clearly distinguishable.

RON MINTER

National Director of Voluntary Services

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Enclosures

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DAV National Line Officers  
DAV National Executive Committee  
Supervisory National Service Officers  
DAV Auxiliary National Adjutant  
State VAVS Chairpersons  
DAV VAVS Representatives  
Laura Balun, Director, Voluntary Service Office,  
Department of Veterans Affairs

**2012 Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program  
Self Nomination Form**

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 (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Local Veterans Assistance Program Coordinator (LVAP) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip code)

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) During the past calendar year, how many volunteer hours did you provide to VA Voluntary Service or Local Veterans Assistance Program? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) How many years have you volunteered at the VAMC or Local Veterans Assistance Program?  
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- 3) During the past calendar year did you maintain employment of any kind?  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, how many hours a week, on the average, did you work? \_\_\_\_\_

4) What service do you normally volunteer in? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5) How does your presence impact the patients or local veterans? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6) Have you been responsible for introducing additional volunteers into the VAVS or LVAP program? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

7) How far must you travel to perform your volunteer duties? \_\_\_\_\_

9) What are your future goals? \_\_\_\_\_

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10) Please describe any special aspects you would like us to consider.

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11) Please attach a 750 word essay on “What volunteering has meant to me.”

Send to: Disabled American Veterans  
National Headquarters  
Voluntary Service Department  
P. O. Box 14301  
Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301

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Signature of Nominee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date