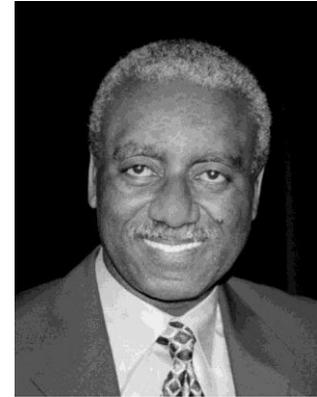




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2013 Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program Nominees Sought

Dear Commanders and Program Managers:

DAV is again pleased to announce the **2013 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. The second place prize consists of a \$15,000 scholarship and third place prize is a \$10,000 scholarship. There are 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 DAV. Volunteer hours accumulated under 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 DAV's 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 Friday, March 1, 2013.

Department Commanders with more than one VA facility in their state may submit one youth volunteer from each facility. Please return completed nomination form for one VAVS youth volunteer from your facility to DAV National Headquarters.

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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 Friday, March 1, 2013.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue 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
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DAV Auxiliary National Adjutant
State VAVS Chairpersons
DAV VAVS Representatives
Laura Balun, Director, Voluntary Service Office,
Department of Veterans Affairs

- 6) Has the youth been responsible for introducing additional volunteers? _____
- 7) The youth volunteer's dependability is () Fair () Good () Excellent
- 8) What are the future goals of the youth that you are nominating? _____

9) Please describe any special aspects of the youth volunteer you are nominating.

Please understand that it is a requirement that the nominated youth must attach an essay (750 words) discussing "What volunteering has meant to me."

Signature
DAV Department Commander

Date

OR

Signature
Voluntary Services Program Manager

Date