

## \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

DATE: January 2018

TO: HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC COUNSELORS

FROM: Jeff Beckman

**Executive Director of Development** 

RE: THE SALVATION ARMY 2018 D.J.'S HERO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Salvation Army is now accepting nominations for the 2018 D.J.'s Hero Awards. Given in memory of D.J. Sokol, the awards recognize Nebraska high school seniors who exemplify D.J.'s dedication to faith, selfless acts for others and commitment to the community. Honorees receive a \$10,000 scholarship toward their selected university or college.

Please act now and encourage nominations. The enclosed form may be duplicated for additional nominees. The application is also available online at SalArmyOmaha.org and SalArmyWestern.org. All nominations must be postmarked by March 5, 2018. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Elisa at 402.898.5909 or Elisa\_Vertuli@usc.salvationarmy.org.

When preparing a scholarship nomination, nominators often think of the outstanding leader who is highly visible in school. Those nominations are welcome, but I invite you to look deeper for a D.J.'s Hero Award scholarship nominee.

Look for that unsung hero, a student who gives 100 percent, even when no one is looking, and rises above hardships and challenges. This person may not be the top student but one who quietly carries out good deeds and has the respect of his or her peers.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the D.J.'s Hero Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at the CenturyLink Center Omaha. Scholarship winners are <u>required</u> to attend. The nominator will also be invited as our guest to one of Omaha's largest civic luncheons. This year's featured speaker is **John Elway**, a football legend and current General Manager of the Denver Broncos.

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