



# Fact Sheet

## ***What is this organization about?***

Founded in 2004, **Our Military Kids, Inc.** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization providing support and recognition to military children. This includes children, ages 5-18, of deployed National Guard and Reserve service members, as well as children of wounded warriors from all service branches. The grants pay fees associated with athletic, fine arts, and tutoring programs.

## ***Why does this program exist?***

Nearly 2 million children have been affected by wartime deployments since 9/11; one out of three is at high risk for behavioral and psychological issues, such as anxiety and depression.

Research shows that activity counteracts stress. Grants from **Our Military Kids** allow children to choose activities they enjoy, while their parents are away or recovering from wartime injuries. As a result, they experience higher self-esteem and a chance to achieve. Additionally, the grants allow entire families the chance to rest, recover, and improve morale.

## ***How much are the grants?***

Each grant may be up to \$250 and cover up to six months of activity per child.

## ***How established is this program?***

Since April 2005, **Our Military Kids** has delivered more than 56,000 grants, totaling over \$22 million, to children of service members from throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam. Currently using private donations with no government funding, **Our Military Kids** has provided at least one grant for each eligible applicant. For every dollar donated, 93 cents directly supports each child.

## ***How do I know this program works?***

In October 2016, **Our Military Kids** surveyed 1104 families who received grants that year.

- 89% reported a decrease in the child's stress and anxiety.
- 72% indicated improvement in the child's academic performance.
- 94% noticed enhanced recovery of the service member/veteran.
- 97% believed the program enhanced overall family well-being.

