



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 \$500 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.

