



Are you or your spouse deploying overseas?

Do you have children who play sports?

Or do they take dance, music, or art classes?

Would they like to try something new... like karate or camp?

Could your child benefit from a tutor to stay at grade level?

If the answer is YES to any of these questions, **Our Military Kids** may be able to help.

Our Military Kids pays for children ages 5 through 12th grade of deployed National Guard and Reserve personnel to participate in youth sports, fine arts, and tutoring programs. This is a way of recognizing the sacrifices the entire family is making while the service member is deployed overseas.

It is simple to apply to the program...

Just fill out an Our Military Kids application that can be downloaded from our website, www.ourmilitarykids.org. Send it in with the required documentation listed on the application, including deployment orders, proof of the child's dependent status, and cost information for the activity of your choice. The grant will cover up to six months of instruction for the activity you select, with a maximum grant award of \$500 per child. If everything is in order and funding is available, a check will be sent to the organization within two weeks. The child will be notified via mail with an award packet. Please see the Frequently Asked Questions on the next page for further program details.



Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Who can receive a grant?

Children ages 5 through 12th grade of a) National Guard or Reserve military personnel who are deployed overseas, or b) severely injured service members from any branch of service may apply.

What documentation is required to apply?

A copy of the military parent's deployment orders is needed to show that the parent is deployed overseas. For children of severely injured soldiers, a referral letter from a case manager is required. Applicants must also submit one of the following to establish the child's dependency on the military parent: copy of Milconnect Service Member profile showing child listed as dependant. OR a copy of Form 1172 Application for Uniformed Services Identification (DEERS), OR a copy of the child's birth certificate if the deployed service member is the biological parent of the child. Lastly, the application must be accompanied by a copy of a brochure, flyer, webpage printout, or letter from the organization providing the activity or service. Please circle or highlight the registration fee that applies to the program in which the child is enrolling, as well as any information regarding to whom the check should be made payable.

Does the family have to meet income qualifications before a child can receive a grant?

No. Family income is not a consideration in determining whether a child is eligible to receive a grant.

Are there any restrictions on the types of activities for which grants are awarded?

Yes. Our Military Kids does not award grants for daycare, school tuition reimbursement, or mission trips. Only those activities listed in the "Eligible Program Activities" section of the website will be eligible for grants from Our Military Kids. If you do not see the activity your child has selected, please call our office to inquire about the activity.

What tutoring services qualify under this program and what documentation is required?

Grants will be considered for services provided by companies or organizations in the following subjects: reading, writing, math, or study skills to assist children in maintaining academic performance at grade level. Grants paid to individual tutors will only be provided if he/she is a certified teacher who can show documentation (teacher's license, teaching degree, etc.) and is not a family member of the child.

What documentation is needed to support the grant amount requested for the child?

The application must be accompanied by a copy of a brochure, flyer, webpage printout, or letter from the organization providing the activity or service. Please circle or highlight the registration fee, rental fee, or instructional fee that applies to the program in which the child is enrolling.

Will I receive a check in the mail?

Yes. The check will be mailed to the home address listed on the grant application, and will be payable to the service provider. The applicant will also receive formal written notification of acceptance or rejection of an application by mail within two weeks of receipt of the application by Our Military Kids.

Does the family have to repay the grant?

No. The grant does not have to be paid back unless the child does not participate in the activity indicated on the application.

May the same child apply for more than one grant?

No. Children are eligible for one grant per deployment.

May more than one child per family apply for a grant?

Yes. All children in a family may apply for a grant as long as the child meets all the criteria for eligibility. The \$500 limit applies to each child, not each family.

How does Our Military Kids determine which children receive grants?

The mission of our organization is to provide a grant to each child who meets all established guidelines and submits a complete application package. We will review each request and consider the applications in the order in which they are received by our office. We will award grants to all qualified applicants as long as funds are available.

What are the sources of grant funding?

Grants from Our Military Kids are made possible by generous contributions from corporations, charitable foundations, and individuals. A full list of donors can be found on the "Our Supporters" page on our website.

Can we make a donation to Our Military Kids through the Combined Federal Campaign?

Yes. Our Military Kids meets the Combined Federal Campaign's (CFC) rigorous standards. As a member of the National Guard or Reserves, you are able to select Our Military Kids (#12357) each fall.