

OUR MISSION

Our Military Kids supports the children of wounded service members by awarding grants that pay for participation in sports, fine arts, and academic tutoring programs. Activities help children cope with stress and anxiety in a positive way while parents recover from severe service-related injuries.



HOW TO APPLY

Eligible families complete and submit a simple, one-page application along with the following documents:

-  If the service member is active duty, submit a copy of the most recent orders to a WTU or medical hold;
-  If the service member is a medically retired veteran, submit a copy of the VA paperwork that contains awarded percentage and diagnosis;
-  A copy of the child's military ID, OR a copy of the child's birth certificate, OR the DEERS 1172 form;
-  A letter from the case manager certifying that the service member/veteran a) is currently receiving treatment for injuries, b) sustained combat-related injuries while deployed in support of OIF/OEF/OND, and c) is classified as severely injured;
-  A brochure or flyer from the organization providing the activity that contains pricing information and contact information.



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PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Families must meet the following criteria to be eligible for a grant from Our Military Kids.

1. Service member/veteran must have sustained combat-related injuries while deployed in support of OIF, OEF, or OND;
2. Service member/veteran must be classified as severely injured in one of the six categories designated by the Department of Veterans Affairs;
3. Service member/veteran must have a case manager who is able to certify the above information in writing; and
4. Children of the service member/veteran must be between the ages of 5 and 18.



OUR STORY

All children need comfort, stability, and fun to thrive – especially those dealing with the stress of a parent recovering from severe injury. Our Military Kids was founded in 2004 to support deployed National Guard and Reserve families, and later expanded to include families of wounded service members from all branches of service who have sustained a severe injury while serving our country.

Many of these families are financially stretched and cannot afford the fees for sports, fine arts, and tutoring programs, all of which are crucial to a child's sense of well-being. Additionally, with much of the family's focus on the service member's recovery, the grants allow the spotlight to shine on the children.

Our Military Kids' grants carry a \$300 limit per award and provide immediate and direct assistance. We send a check directly to the service provider of your choice, paying for an activity that renews your child's spirits and relieves the anxiety and worry they may experience while a parent recovers from an injury at home.

Thanks to the generosity of foundations, corporations, and hundreds of individuals, Our Military Kids has been able to fund a grant request for every eligible child.

OUR FAMILIES

There are thousands of children between the ages of 5 and 18 who have a military parent recovering from severe injuries. Our Military Kids recognizes the enormous sacrifices these children and their families make for our country, and it is dedicated to helping them through a difficult time.



"It's nearly impossible to put into words what Our Military Kids has done for my children. My husband returned from two tours in Iraq with a Traumatic Brain Injury and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. When we found out about Our Military Kids, I was thrilled to find help out there for my children.

The grant made available by Our Military Kids has been a saving grace for our family. There is no way we could afford soccer, Abigail's passion and coping mechanism, without their help.

Throughout all of the struggles we have faced as a family, the Our Military Kids program has been a beacon of optimism."

– Wendy Barton, Evansville IN

