

# CHILDREN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE DEPLOYED OR STATESIDE ACTIVATED



Our Military Kids awards up to two \$300 grants per child or teen to fund the extracurricular activity of their choice while a parent is deployed or activated stateside with the National Guard or Reserve. This grant program is made possible solely through the generosity of foundations, corporations, and individual donations.

## FUNDED PROGRAMS



SPORTS



FINE ARTS



ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS



TUTORING



CAMP

Activities help children cope with stress, anxiety, and additional challenges that may arise while a parent is absent during deployment. The grants also serve to honor the sacrifices that children make during this time.

## 2023 RESEARCH RESULTS

Our Military Kids grant recipient families were surveyed in early 2023 about their experience receiving OMK grants in the previous year. More than 1,115 military families were surveyed representing over 2,150 military children.

**Deployed Program families surveyed saw improvement in:**

**95%**

OVERALL FAMILY WELL-BEING

**91%**

SERVICE MEMBER OR VETERAN'S MORALE

**89%**

CONNECTION TO THE MILITARY COMMUNITY

**86%**

ABILITY TO AFFORD THEIR CHILD'S CHOSEN ACTIVITY

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## PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

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### IN ORDER FOR A CHILD TO RECEIVE A GRANT FROM OUR MILITARY KIDS:

- The child of the service member or Veteran is age 1–18 OR not yet a high school graduate.
- **For missions of 90–179 days** (cumulative within 12 months), each child is eligible for **ONE (1)** grant up to \$300 for one activity.
- **For missions of 180+ days** (cumulative within 12 months), each child is eligible for **TWO (2)** grants up to \$300 each for the same or different activities. Each grant requires a separate application.

“I’m going to wear the [dog tags] every chance I get. This is the first thing I’ve received in the mail and I was shocked but happy. Now there are two things I’m counting down to: How many more days until Girls Club and having fun in life. **I will be thankful for as long as I can remember this!**”

**ADALYN, 8**

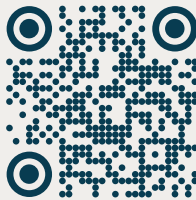
DAUGHTER OF A DEPLOYED AIR NATIONAL GUARDSMAN



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## HOW TO APPLY

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Visit [ourmilitarykids.org/apply](https://ourmilitarykids.org/apply) to submit a simple, one page application, along with the following documents:



### TITLE 10 AND/OR TITLE 32 ORDERS

A copy of the deployment or mobilization orders showing that the child’s parent is deployed overseas or activated stateside with the National Guard or Reserve for at least 90 days (cumulative over 12 months). For Air Force, we will need CED orders.

*Not eligible: AGR or active or inactive training assignments.*



### FORM OF IDENTIFICATION

A copy of the child’s birth certificate if the deployed service member is the biological parent,

**OR** DD Form 1172,

**OR** a copy of the DEERS/ MilConnect Service Member profile page with child listed as a dependent.



### ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Documentation from the organization providing the activity’s pricing and contact information. Brochures, flyers, website screenshots, and typed letters on the organization’s official letterhead will be accepted.