

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Who can receive a grant?

Children aged 3 years through 12th grade of National Guard or Reserve military personnel either deployed overseas or severely injured 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: a photocopy of the child's military dependent ID card OR a copy of Form DD 1172, (Application for Uniformed Services Identification) 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, website page, or letter from the organization providing the activity or service. Please circle or highlight the registration fee that applies to the program the child is enrolling in as well as any information about who the check should be made payable to.

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 day care, tuition reimbursement, or mission trips. Only those activities listed in the "Activities Covered" section of the website will be eligible for grants from Our Military Kids. If you do not see the activity your child has selected in the "Activities Covered" listing, please call our office to inquire whether that activity is covered.

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 s/he is a certified teacher who can show documentation (teacher's license, etc.) and is not a family member.

Will I receive a check in the mail?

No. If your request for a grant is approved, a check will be sent and made payable to the organization indicated on the grant application form. The applicant will receive formal written notification of acceptance or rejection by mail within 2 weeks of receipt of the application by Our Military Kids, Inc.

May more than one child in a family apply?

Yes, we can provide a grant to all children age 3-grade 12 in your family. The \$500 limit applies to each child, not the Entire family.

May the same child apply for more than one grant during the deployment?

No, only one grant award is given to each child within a deployment cycle.

What are the sources of funding?

Grants from Our Military Kids, Inc. are made possible by the generous contributions from corporations, charitable foundations and individuals listed under "Our Sponsors" on our website.