



Are you or your spouse deploying or deployed overseas?

Do you have children who play sports?

Or do they take dance, music or art classes?

Maybe they would 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** grant program may be able to help.

Our Military Kids pays the fees for children aged 3 years through 12th grade of deployed Reserve and National Guard to participate in youth sports, fine arts, and tutor 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 the attached Our Military Kids application or download a copy from the website, www.ourmilitarykids.org. Send it in with the required documentation listed on the application including deployment orders, proof of child's dependent eligibility and a flyer or other information that lists the activity and the fee for the activity. The grant will cover up to six months instructions, lessons or tutoring for one activity/program, with a maximum grant award of \$500.00 per child. Child may be eligible for a second grant award if the parent's deployment is longer than 365 days. If everything is in order and if funding is available, within two weeks a check will be sent to the organization and the child will be notified of the award. Please see the *Answers to Frequently Asked Questions* on the next page for further program details.



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 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, 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.

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

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, rental fee, or instruction fee that applies to the program the child is enrolling in.

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.

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?

Yes. Children are eligible for two grants per deployment as long as, 1) the deployment is 365 days or more, 2) the service member has at least 60 days remaining on the orders at the time the second application is submitted, and 3) it has been six months since the first grant award.

May more than one child from a 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 to a family.

How does Our Military Kids, Inc. 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 at our office. We will award grants to all qualified applicants as long as funds are available.

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.

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

Yes. Our Military Kids meets the Combined Federal Campaign's (CFC) rigorous standards and will be included in this year's Charity Campaign. As a member of the Reserves or National Guard, you are able to choose #12357 when you make your selection this fall.