

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.



SARAH, 11 YRS, OLD

"[Our Military Kids] was a major factor in helping me overcome my depression," Sarah said. "I look back on it and can't help but think how extraordinary it was that dance had such a major impact on my life. I learned to survive and believe in myself, have confidence to go after my dreams, and not to give up."

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:



Overall Family Well-Being



Service Member or Veteran's Morale



Connection to the Military Community



Ability to Afford Their Child's Chosen Activity



PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

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In order for a child to receive an activity grant from Our Military Kids:

- \star The child 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.



HOW TO APPLY

Visit www.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.



Activity Information

Documentation from the activity 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.



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.