

Children of the National Guard and Reserves Deployed or Stateside Activated

Our Military Kids awards up to \$300 per child (ages 3-18) 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."

2020 RESEARCH RESULTS

Our Military Kids' 2020 grant recipient families were surveyed in early 2021 about their experience receiving OMK grants in the previous year.

Nearly 1,000 military families were surveyed representing 1,850 military children.



Service Member or Veteran's Morale



Ability to Afford the Child's Chosen Activity



Family's Overall Well-Being



Child's Mental Health



PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

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

- 👚 The child is three (3) years of age through 18 AND has not yet graduated from high school.
- 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

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If you are eligible, please visit **www.ourmilitarykids.org/apply** to submit a simple, one-page application, along with the following documents:



Title 10 Deployment 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.