
ELIGIBILITY

- ◇ Any member currently in good standing with a military component/unit located in Rhode Island or a member of an active duty component with Rhode Island as a home of record or his or her immediate family.
- ◇ You are registered in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) or have equivalent documentation to support the member's status.
- ◇ Have suffered a casualty. Based on Purple Heart injury/death/MIA/POW, as a result of being deployed/mobilized in support of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT), a contingency operation or in support of Homeland Security (must be validated by the member's service component).
- ◇ Have an emergency financial need.
- ◇ The Service Member must have served at least one year of satisfactory military service and must be currently in good standing with their assigned unit.
- ◇ Financial assistance needed for (to include but not limited too) rent/mortgage, utilities, medical services/prescription, and insurance or vehicle payments.
- ◇ Grants are subject to board approval.

BACKGROUND & HISTORY

The Rhode Island Military Relief Fund was established by a bill sponsored by former Lieutenant Governor Charles Fogarty. The bill was signed by the Governor of Rhode Island on July 2, 2004 to assist Rhode Island National Guard or Reserve Component members and their families in times of crisis that can reasonably be expected to be remedied with a one-time grant that is either financial or casualty based.

The fund was recently changed to include Active Duty components also.

The Rhode Island Military Relief Fund is not a State Agency or Federal entity. The Military Family Relief Fund Board of Directors sets policy and has the responsibility to oversee the operation of the program and act on all grant applications.

In 2013 the criteria changed due to the continuous changes in deployments and other considerations. As a result the requirement for the crisis to be caused by a deployment or mobilization has been eliminated.

Maximum amount for a one time financial or casualty grant is \$5,000 per military/immediate family member.

"See eligibility for full criteria"

THE RHODE ISLAND MILITARY FAMILY RELIEF FUND



Established 2004

Financial and Casualty Grants for Rhode Island Service Members and their Families

For information and assistance call a Family Assistance Center Specialist.

401-275-1241

401-275-1242

401-275-1243

RI National Guard Family Assistance Center

541 Airport Road

Warwick, RI 02886

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Step 1:** Contact a staff member at the RI National Guard Family Assistance Center.
- Step 2:** Staff member will ask some questions to determine whether or not you are eligible to apply for the grant.
- Step 3:** Staff member will let you know what documents will be required for the application and will set an appointment for you to come in with those documents to complete the application.
- Step 4:** Completed application and required documents are sent to the grant committee for approval or disapproval.
- Step 5:** In approximately one week the grant is approved or disapproved. Staff member will let the you know with an informal call or email.
- Step 6:** Upon approval notification payments will be set-up for disbursement. This can take 2-3 weeks before creditors receive payments. A formal letter of approval is also sent to you at this time.

FUNDING

The majority of the funds in the grant account are derived from donations.

Rhode Island Income Tax Returns

Private Donations

License Plate Decals

DONATIONS

Donations come from:

Civic Organizations

Business Promotions

Individual Fundraisers

Workplace Fundraisers



HOW DO I MAKE A DONATION?

Rhode Island State Income Tax Return Form

Line number 36 on your 1040

36  RI Military Family Relief Fund RIGL §44-30-2.9

License plate decals can be purchased through

Department of Motor Vehicles

(at the plate window)

RI Military Family Programs
(401-275-1240)

Individual / Corporate Donations

RIMRF Office Room 125

c/o Ms. Petronio

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Cranston, RI 02920
