

least \$2,500. The number of scholarships will also be determined by the amount of the funds raised. **Please note that semifinalists for this program will be notified via email and website only.** More: [American Patriot Scholarship Program](#).

### **Base/Post Scholarship**

Recipients are randomly selected. Only the dependent sons and daughters, under the age of 24, of ACTIVE DUTY officers and enlisted military personnel are eligible to apply. This includes members of the Drilling Reserves and National Guard. The Base/Post Scholarship is for a one-time \$1,000 scholarship grant to 50 students. Scholarships are disbursed by late August, payable only to the student. While membership in MOAA is required for consideration to the loan program, it is not a requirement for Base/Post Scholarship. There is no GPA requirement for this program. **Please note that semifinalists for this program will be notified via email and website only.**

### **Deadline and Content**

The online application, **available November 1, 2003 must be completed and submitted no later than noon (Eastern time) March 1, 2004.** Semifinalists are notified in late March via email and website only. Recipients are notified in May.

### **Special Attention - Grants**

Designated Scholar Program: Loan recipients are automatically considered for this additional \$500 grant. In this program \$500 of the \$3,750 interest free loan is converted to grant money. No special application is necessary. Recipient must accept the interest-free loan to receive the grant.

### **Crozier Grants**

Only current loan recipients entering their final year in college are eligible for these grants. Eligible students will be sent the necessary information at the appropriate time.

### **General John Paul Ratay Educational Fund Grants**

These \$3,750 grants are limited to children of the surviving spouse of retired officers. A student cannot receive both a MOAA loan and a Ratay grant. Students applying for a loan who meet the criteria of a Ratay grant will automatically be considered. No special application is required.

Questions about this information? E-mail [edassist@moaa.org](mailto:edassist@moaa.org)

MOAA, 201 N. Washington St., Alexandria, Va. 22314  
Phone: (800) 234-6622 (MOAA)

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## National Amputee Foundation

The National Amputee Foundation was founded in 1919 by a group of amputee veterans who suffered the loss of limb or limbs in the serve of our country during World War I. From its exception, the Foundation was aware of the needs unique to amputees and, therefore, dedicated all its efforts to helping all veteran amputees. Since then, the Foundation has expanded its facilities to include civilian amputees as well.

Contact: Telephone: The National Amputee Foundation  
40 Church St.  
Malverne, NY 11565  
1-516-887-3600  
E-mail: [amps76@aol.com](mailto:amps76@aol.com)

### Services Provided:

**Service Members:** The Foundation sponsors an Amp-to-Amp Program. Whenever feasible, an amputee member of our organization who has returned to a normal life, visits the new amputee. This organization has a list of support groups for every state and offers booklets and pamphlets of special interest to the amputee. It also accepts donated medical equipment, which is then given out to anyone in need. Other services include information on recreational equipment for amputees, providing hospital visits and running bingo games, contact information for veterans' benefits, and referral service to other amputee organizations.

## The National Military Family Association

The mission of The National Military Families Association is to serve the families of the seven uniformed services through education, information, and advocacy. The Association's activities revolve around programs to educate the public, the military community, and Congress on the rights and benefits of military families and to advocate for an equitable quality of life for those families. Primary goals are to educate military families concerning their rights, benefits, and services available to them and to inform them regarding the issues that affect their lives and to promote and protect the interests of military families by influencing the development and implementation of legislation and policies affecting them.

Contact: Telephone: (703) 931-6682 (NMFA)  
1-800-260-0218  
E-mail: [families@nmfa.org](mailto:families@nmfa.org)

### Services Provided:

Service Members, Families: Adoption expense reimbursement for active duty military families; a comprehensive dental plan for active duty family members; student travel allowances for families stationed overseas; increased active duty survivor benefits; cost of living allowance (COLA) for service members stationed in areas in CONUS with exceptionally high cost of living.

## Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is a nonprofit, charitable organization that provides financial, educational, and other assistance to members of the Naval Services of the United States, and their eligible family members and survivors, when in need. To do this, loans, grants, various services, and referral to other community resources are available. There is no fee for such assistance.

Contact: NMCRS Camp Pendleton  
Michael Hire  
Telephone: (760) 725-5337  
E-mail: [hiremike@can.nmcrcs.org](mailto:hiremike@can.nmcrcs.org)

NMCRS San Onofre  
Vena Fredericks  
Telephone: (760) 725-7497  
E-mail: [frederic@sanono.nmcrcs.org](mailto:frederic@sanono.nmcrcs.org)  
Education Programs  
Telephone: (703) 696-4904

### Services Provided:

Active Duty, Retired Sailors, Marines, Families: The Society provides interest-free loans or grants to deal with emergency needs such as transportation, funeral expenses, medical/dental bills (patient's share), food, rent, utilities, disaster relief assistance, child care expenses, essential vehicle repairs, budget counseling, food lockers, visiting nurse services and layettes for newborns. The Society Headquarters administers a number of education programs for applicants enrolled or planning to enroll as full-time undergraduate students in a traditional classroom setting at a post-secondary, technical, or vocation institution that participates in the U. S. Department of Education Title I financial aid programs. The Vice Admiral E.P. Travers Scholarship and Loan Program provides students with grants for up to \$2,000 for an academic year and offers interest-free loans to students' service member sponsors of up to \$3,000. The Dependents of Deceased Service Members Scholarship Program provides grants for an academic year to students who are dependents of deceased service members. The Admiral Mike Boorda Scholarship Program provides grants for up to \$2,000 to students in the Enlisted Commissioning Program, Marine Enlisted Commissioning Program, Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program, and naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) students who are prior active duty and were selected for the NROTC Program while they were on active duty.

Active Duty, Families, Children: The mission of the Armed Forces Relief Trust is to assist the military aid societies (Air Force Aid Society, Army Emergency Relief, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, and the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society) by providing a single vehicle to accept donations that will benefit the men and women of our Armed Forces and their families. Such assistance may include payment for a soldier's airfare to fly home for his father's funeral, a special reading program for a sailor's daughter, special medical attention for a pilot's expectant spouse or college tuition for a Marine's child.

For more information about this Trust, contact the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

Application Information:

For VADM E.P. Travers Scholarship and Loans, call Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society's Education Division at (703) 696-4960.

For Adm. Mike Boorda Scholarship Program information, call (703) 696-4960.

For information regarding education assistance for Children of Deceased Service Members, please call (703) 696-4960.

For information regarding the Tuition Assistance Program for Service Members using the GI Bill, please contact the Camp Pendleton or San Onofre field offices.

## Nice Guys Victory Funds

The Good Guys is a volunteer organization that provides financial assistance to Marines/Sailors and their families, as well as other families in need. This organization's goal is to get people back on their feet and become self-sufficient. Nice Guys is strictly a non-profit charitable organization with no paid staff.

Contact: Nice Guys of San Diego, Inc.  
P.O. Box 881456  
San Diego, CA 92168  
Telephone: (858) 597-9397

Donations: Nice Guys  
c/o Col Jack Kelly  
1733 Caliban Drive  
Encinitas, CA 92024  
Checks made out to: Nice Guys Victory Fund

### Services Provided:

**Marines/Sailors, Families:** The Good Guys have established a Victory Fund with funds donated for the specific purpose of providing financial assistance and/or items needed for Marines/Sailors and their families.

### Application Information:

To request financial assistance, please submit a letter stating your current financial situation, the amount of money needed, your address, and a telephone number where you can be reached. Please be advised that it may take 1-3 months to process- your request.

## Noncommissioned Officers Association

The Noncommissioned Officers Association (NCOA) was established to enhance and maintain the quality of life for noncommissioned officers and petty officers in all branches of the Armed Forces, National Guard, and Reserves. NCOA offers its members a wide range of benefits and services designed especially for current and former enlisted service members and their families.

Contact: Randy Mix  
Telephone: (703) 549-0245  
1-800-622-2620 (M-F), 800-1700 Central Time  
E-mail: [mix@ncoadc.org](mailto:mix@ncoadc.org)

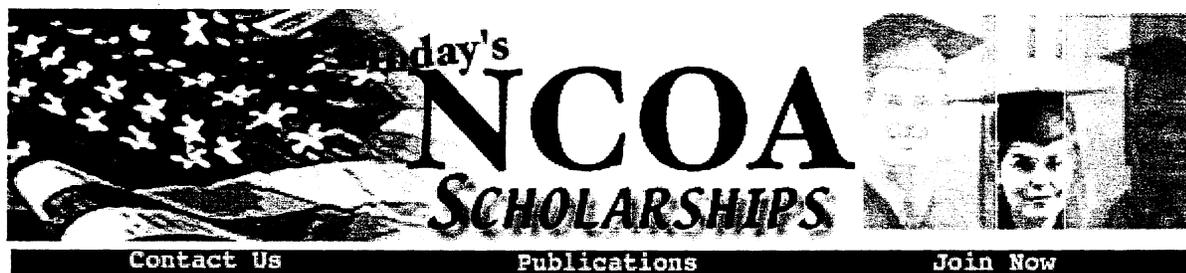
### Services Provided:

**Children, Spouses:** Non-repayable scholarships are awarded to children and spouses of members. These scholarships are renewable for up to 3 years after the initial grant. The NCOA Medical Fund assists dependents of noncommissioned and petty officers with medically-related incidental expenses. Non-repayable grants and no-interest loans are awarded to help defray associated costs of catastrophic illness. The NCOA Disaster Fund was established to provide relief for immediate disaster-related needs to military service members and their families who suffer losses as a result of natural disasters such as hurricanes, fires, floods, earthquakes, etc.

**Active Duty, Veterans:** The Betsy Ross Educational Fund provides grants to NCO Auxiliary members for developing and improving the member's employment skills.

### Application Information:

The deadline for this year's scholarship applications has passed. Check NCOA's Scholarships for additional information and eligibility requirements.



### **Eligibility.**

Children and spouses of members of the Non Commissioned Officers Association. Awards not limited by race, color, creed, national origin or sex. For undergraduate study at accredited colleges and universities. Children of members must be under age 25 to receive initial grant.

Grants to the designated school may be used for room and board, tuition, library fees, textbooks and related instructional material. 16 new awards annually.

### **Number and value of scholarships.**

\$900 - 9 academic awards to children of members; 4 academic awards to spouses of members.

\$1,000 - From among all applications, 3 special \$1,000 grants are awarded each year. The Mary S. Barraco Scholarship is presented to the student submitting the best essay on Americanism, the William T. Green Scholarship is presented to the student with the best high school academic record, and the NCOA/Pentagon Federal Credit Union Grant (non-renewable).

Students must reapply each year through the Scholarship Fund for consideration for renewal of their grants. They will be notified if their renewal has been approved. Students must maintain a "B" average and carry the prescribed minimum of 15 hours to be considered for renewal.

### **Application Packets - Sons and daughters of NCOA members**

Academic applications. Include with completed application: two letters of recommendation from teachers; a personal recommendation from an adult who is not a relative; a handwritten autobiography; certified transcript of high school or college grades; ACT or SAT scores, and a composition on Americanism (200+ words).

### **Application packets - Spouses of NCOA members**

Include with completed application: copy of high school diploma or GED equivalent; certified transcript of all college courses completed (if any); certificate of completion for any other courses of training; a brief biographical background, and a letter of intent describing degreed course of study, plans for completion of a degreed program, and a closing paragraph on "What a College Degree Means to Me."

### **Selection.**

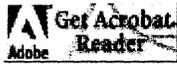
A committee of educators and senior enlisted personnel select recipients during the month of April. Only individuals selected to receive scholarships

will be notified.

**Deadline.**

Complete application packages must be submitted by March 31.

**Download Application (PDF File)**



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## North County Honor Campaign

The North County Honor Campaign was established to provide assistance to the families of local Marines and other local service members who have died in support of operation Iraqi Freedom. A fund has been established to purchase U.S. Savings Bonds to assist with each child's educational needs. All donations will be sent to the Camp Pendleton Armed Services YMCA, which will administer the campaign fund.

Contact: George Brown, Executive Director  
Camp Pendleton Armed Services YMCA  
Telephone: (760) 385-4921  
E-mail: [gbrown@camppendletonsymca.org](mailto:gbrown@camppendletonsymca.org)

### Services Provided:

Children: Each child will receive a \$15,000 face-value U.S. Savings Bond for application towards educational costs.

## Operation Family Fund

The Operation Family Fund provides financial assistance to eligible family members of military and civilian personnel who have died or have been severely injured while serving their country as a result of Operation Enduring and Iraqi Freedom both domestically and aboard.

Contact: Telephone: Mike Cash  
(760) 793-0541  
E-mail: [support@oeffamilyfund.org](mailto:support@oeffamilyfund.org)

### Services Provided:

Spouses, Children: This organization provides financial assistance in the form of grants that can be used for food, utilities, rent, emergency transportation and vehicle repair, funeral expenses, legal expenses, medical/dental expenses, assistance with a home rental, lease, purchase or home improvements or assistance with the purchase, rent, or lease of a vehicle. Grants above \$20,000 in a year shall be placed in a trust and distributed monthly from the Trust to the member or member's family. This organization also provides scholarships for continuing education, including trade schools. Scholarships, up to \$100,000 for each eligible member or member's family, for post-secondary educational purposes, including trade schools, and scholarships, up to \$50,000 for pre-secondary educational purposes including daycare, private schooling, home schooling, and public schooling, may be awarded.

### Application Information:

Application form must be completed and mailed to:  
Operation Family Fund  
United States Post Office Box 837  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

# OPERATION FAMILY FUND GRANT FORM REQUEST

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Military Casualty Assistance Officer or Social Worker: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PURPOSE OF REQUEST:** Please list what the funds are to be used for.

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**Military Life Insurance:** Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Beneficiaries of Life Insurance:** (List Names and Relationships to the Soldier):

**Military VA Benefits:** Monthly Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Benefits:** Monthly Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Benefits Available To Family:**

Life Insurance\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Charities\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**If Other Please Specify:** \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SOLDIER: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANTS RELATION TO  
SOLDIER: \_\_\_\_\_

DOD Affiliation: \_\_\_ Air Force \_\_\_ Army \_\_\_ Coast Guard \_\_\_ Marines \_\_\_ Navy \_\_\_  
Civilian \_\_\_

Rank/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a copy of the death certificate or military notification of loss if submitting a request for a soldier killed in the line of duty.

If your request is for a soldier who was disabled as a result of injuries received fighting the war on terrorism please provide a copy of the doctors evaluation and prognosis. Provide a copy of the soldiers DOD Identification and if the has been discharged provide a copy of the soldiers discharge papers.

Please Mail all information to:  
Operation Family Fund  
United States Post Office Box 837  
Ridgecrest, CA. 93555

**Privacy Statement:**  
Operation Family Fund respects your privacy and will not sell, trade, share or otherwise make available your confidential information with anyone outside of Operation Family Fund, except those agencies required to assist in providing our services to you and in those instances where such disclosure is required by law. Operation Family Fund will use your personal information only in the performance of duties related to providing you the services you have requested.

*For Operation Family Fund Use Only*

Request # \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Funded \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

## Operation Hero Miles

Operation Hero Miles is an information website created in September 2003 to assist service members granted R & R Leave from Iraq and nearby countries with free travel to their home towns. Tickets are provided by donated frequent flier miles. Now that the Pentagon is paying for these trips through an Act of Congress, donated miles help service members on Emergency Leave reach home, and unite family members with wounded service members recuperating at U.S. military hospitals.

Contact: Telephone: Contact each airline directly.  
E-mail: [www.heromiles.org](http://www.heromiles.org)

### Services Provided:

Service Members, Families: Free round -trip airplane tickets for service members on R & R and Emergency Leave. Free round trip tickets are provided to family members of wounded Marines and Sailors, so they can be by the bedsides of their loved ones.

## Operation Homefront

The mission of Operation Homefront is to provide assistance with day-to-day issues for military families so that deployed service members are not preoccupied by the crisis at home and can focus on the War Against Terrorism. Operation Homefront accomplishes this mission by working with local volunteer businesses that may be able to provide pro-bono or discounted services.

Contact: Telephone: Operation Homefront  
5173 Waring Rd., Suite 90  
San Diego, CA 92120  
1-866-424-5210  
E-mail: [sd@operationhomefront.net](mailto:sd@operationhomefront.net)

### Services Provided:

Families: Operation Homefront provides assistance to families of deployed service members in the following areas: crucial car repair assistance, home and appliance repair, refurbished internet computers, moving and transportation assistance, furniture, food distribution, and children's items.

## Paralyzed Veterans of America

This organization has service officers trained to assist catastrophically disabled and paralyzed veterans (wheel chair users) and their families.

Contact: Trish Armstrong

Telephone: 1-800-424-8200, ext. 619

E-mail: [TrishA@pva.org](mailto:TrishA@pva.org)

Services Provided:

**Families:** Service Officers are trained to assist paralyzed veterans and their families with accessing benefits and cutting the red tape to receive them.

**Children:** Provides \$1,000 scholarships to assist members and their immediate family members with obtaining a post-secondary education from accredited colleges and universities.

The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, Inc.  
(TAPS)

TAPS is a national, non-profit organization made up of, and providing services to, those individuals who have lost a loved one while serving in any branch of the Armed Forces.

Contact: Telephone: 1-800-959-8277 (24/7 hotline)  
E-mail: [help@taps.org](mailto:help@taps.org)

Services Provided:

Service Members, Families: This is a national survivor peer support network. The network tries to match new survivors with individuals and families that are further along in the grief process. It also offers grief counseling referrals; caseworker assistance and crisis information, all available to help families and military personnel cope and recover.

## USO

The USO's mission is to provide morale, welfare, and recreational services to uniformed military personnel. The original intent of Congress—and enduring style of USO delivery, is to represent the American people by extending a touch of home to the military.

Contact: Telephone: (202) 610-5700  
E-mail: [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org)  
Contact Form: Complete this form and submit it on-line.

### Services Provided:

Active Duty Military, Families: General programs and services include "Newcomer" briefings for troops and family members, family crisis counseling, support groups for families separated by deployments, housing assistance, libraries and reading rooms, cultural awareness seminars, airport service centers, recreational activities, nursery facilities, high quality, inexpensive tours, employment assistance for military service discharges, new spouse orientations, telephone, internet and e-mail capabilities, and USO centers.

## Veterans of Foreign Wars

This organization provides a variety of programs and services to assist veterans and their families. These include the Military Assistance Program (MAP), veteran services, community service, legislative service, and the VFW Foundation.

Contact: Military Assistance Program  
Telephone: (816) 756-3390, ext. 211  
E-mail: [map@vfw.org](mailto:map@vfw.org)

Veteran Services  
Telephone: 1-800-vfw-1899 (24-hour)

### Services Provided:

**Marines, Sailors and Families:** The Military Assistance Program provides moral and financial support that focuses on easing the financial emergencies of deploying service members and supporting them and their family members through the hardships of deployment. This program also provides one-time grants up to \$500 to service members needing emergency financial assistance. The National Headquarters will match these funds with another \$500 one-time grants.

**Veterans:** This program assists veterans with filing their disability claims, discharge upgrades, record corrections, education benefits, and pension eligibility. VFW service officers regularly inspect VA health care facilities and national cemeteries, and employment specialists monitor laws concerning veterans' preference in federal employment. The VFW also monitors medical and health issues affecting veterans and well as providing them with up-to-date information on diabetes, post-traumatic stress, Agent Orange, and Persian Gulf syndrome. A recent addition is the Tactical Assessment Center, a 24-hour help line for veterans with questions or concerns about VA benefits.

**Active Duty, Veterans:** Operation Uplink is a program that keeps active duty military and hospitalized veterans in touch with their families by providing them with free phone cards.

## Wounded Warrior Project

The Wounded War Project seeks to assist those men and women of our armed forces who have been severely injured during the conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other hot spots around the world. Many of the injuries are traumatic amputations, gunshot wounds, burns, and blast injuries that will retire these brave warriors from military service. These wounded warriors will return to civilian life minus one or more limbs, or with serious wounds or disfiguring scars, and will face greater challenges today obtaining assistance and finding opportunities that would enable them to provide for themselves and their families.

Contact: Telephone: Wounded Warrior Project Headquarters  
324 Washington Ave., Suite 1  
Roanoke, VA 24016-4312  
1-540-342-0032/0036

E-mail: [info@woundedwarriorproject.org](mailto:info@woundedwarriorproject.org)

### Services Provided:

**Service Members:** The Project sponsors a backpack program which provides backpacks loaded with personal CD players, calling cards, magazines and other health and comfort items to our returning wounded service members who were admitted to Walter Reed Army Hospital and Bethesda Naval Hospital. The organization also provides free assistance to veterans attempting to obtain benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and other agencies; represents veterans on state and federal legislative issues; works with business and government leaders to ensure veterans are given equal opportunity in hiring; and provides outreach to modern veterans through programs and services that meet their unique needs.