



## ABOUT

The Rhode Island Military Family Relief Fund (RIMFRF) assists our National Guard, active duty and reserve military members and their families in times of crisis by allowing individuals to apply for one-time emergency financial assistance grants.

In 2019, over \$63,000 in grants was distributed to military families to help cover rent, mortgages, utility bills, medical services, prescriptions, insurance and vehicle payments. 100% of all donations go directly to our military families.

RIMFRF is not a state agency, federal entity or nonprofit. The volunteer RIMFRF Board of Directors sets policy and has the responsibility to oversee the operation of the program and act on all grant applications. The board includes representatives of all military branches, the Office of the Adjutant General and the Office of the Lt. Governor.

## DONATE

- Online: NEW donation portal at [LTGOV.RI.GOV/MFRF](https://LTGOV.RI.GOV/MFRF)
- Via state tax return: Check off Line 36 on your RI State Income Tax Return Form.
- Via check: Make checks payable to the Rhode Island Military Family Relief Fund. Mail to:

Lt. Governor's Office  
State House, Room 116  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

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- Purchase an American Flag license plate decal at the DMV plate window.

*Please note: Donations are not tax deductible.*

## ELIGIBILITY

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- Any service member currently in good standing with a military component/unit in Rhode Island or a member of an active duty component with Rhode Island as a home of record .
- Any service member who has suffered a casualty. Purple Heart recipients based on injury/death/MIA/POW, as a result of being deployed or mobilized in support of the Global War on Terrorism, a contingency operation or in support of Homeland Security (must be validated by the member's service component).
- The service member must currently be serving and have served at least 1 year of satisfactory military service.
- The service member must be registered in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) or have equivalent documentation to support the member's status.
- Financial assistance can be issued for (including but not limited to) rent/mortgage, utilities, medical services/prescription, and insurance or vehicle payments.
- Grants are subject to board approval. The Maximum amount for a one-time financial or casualty grant is \$5,000 per military family member.

## APPLY

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- Contact a staff member at the Rhode Island National Guard Family Program.
- Staff member will ask questions to determine whether or not you are eligible to apply.
- Staff member will let you know what documents will be required and will set an appointment for you to come in and complete the application.
- Completed application and required documents are sent to the grant committee for review.
- In approximately 1 week, the grant is approved or disapproved. A staff member will notify you by phone or e-mail.
- Upon approval, notification payments will be set up for disbursement. It can take 2-3 weeks to receive payment. A formal letter of approval is also sent at this time.

## CONTACT

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