

## **Indiana Military Family Relief Fund - giving National Guard, Reserve and active duty members and their families a helping hand**

Due to all of the mobilizations going on in the military, including the Global War on Terror and Disaster Relief, it's becoming increasingly more difficult for military families to meet the challenges that come with these extended periods of separation. The Indiana Military Family Relief Fund is established to provide financial grants during a time of national conflict or war to Indiana National Guard, Reserve and active duty service members and their families whose expenses have become difficult to afford.

### **Overview**

Started in 2006 by state law, The Indiana Military Family Relief Fund is financed by donations and by the sale of the "Support Our Troops," the "Hoosier Veteran" and the "POW/MIA" license plates. Our Mission is accomplished by giving funds to service members and their families for limited financial relief.

### **Stipulations:**

- ✚ Meet Eligibility Requirements
- ✚ Submit Written Application
- ✚ Provide the necessary documents requested

### **Who is eligible?**

Indiana residents who are Indiana Army or Air National Guard Service Members, Selected Reservists and active duty service members in good standing.

### **Fund Details:**

- ✚ \$5,000 (Max)
- ✚ Pending or current active duty orders required and may apply up to 3 years after the period of active duty.
- ✚ Thirty (30) consecutive days or more of Duty Status Title 10. Basic Training, AIT or Recruiting duty is not considered deployment.
- ✚ Serving after Sep 11, 2001 and experiencing financial difficulties.
- ✚ Member in good standing

### **If Granted:**

All grant monies will be electronically transmitted to the applicant's banking account.



### **Categories for authorized assistance:**

- ✚ Non receipt of pay
- ✚ Loss of funds
- ✚ Medical, Dental & Hospital expenses
- ✚ Clothing
- ✚ Utilities (Electric, gas, water)
- ✚ Fire or other disasters
- ✚ Essential private owned vehicle
- ✚ Unexpected repairs
- ✚ Dependent funeral expenses
- ✚ Emergency travel
- ✚ Housing expenses
- ✚ Food

### **Categories for unauthorized assistance:**

- ✚ Divorce/ Marriage expenses
- ✚ Rental, lease, or purchase of a vehicle
- ✚ Ordinary leave
- ✚ Continuing assistance
- ✚ Bad checks
- ✚ Liquidation or consolidation of debts
- ✚ Business ventures or investments
- ✚ Goods or items of convenience or luxury
- ✚ Civilian court fees, fines, judgments, liens, bail legal fees, income tax or child support
- ✚ Credit Cards
- ✚ Satellite/Cable television

Online applications available at [http://www.in.gov/dva/files/IDVA-MFRF\\_APPLICATION.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dva/files/IDVA-MFRF_APPLICATION.pdf)

To receive an application or assistance please contact a County Veterans' Service Officer (telephone numbers available from web site). Incomplete packets will not be considered by the MFRF committee.

State Contact: Noelle Wikert, (317) 232-3922 or toll-free at 1-800-400-4520.

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