

Basic Eligibility Requirements and General Guidelines of the Fallen Patriot Fund (the “Fund”).

KEY PROVISIONS

Applicant must be **100 percent disabled per the VA** and **unemployable as a direct result of disability sustained in Operation Iraqi Freedom.**

The applicant must be in temporary, **EXTREME FINANCIAL HARDSHIP** to such a degree that his/her VA Disability payments will not suffice in making rent, mortgage or some other **basic necessity of life.** In addition to the application, Applicant must provide a **detailed statement** of that hardship.

Applicants must have been medically discharged **within six months** of being wounded while deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom. The medical discharge must have been as a direct result of those wounds.

The Fallen Patriot Fund does not provide grants to remedy long-standing financial problems.

Detailed eligibility guidelines and exclusions are below.

A. If the soldier is wounded in combat:

1. The soldier (hereinafter called “Applicant”) must have been seriously wounded in combat while deployed to **Operation Iraqi Freedom**, and the Applicant must be medically discharged from military service **within six months** of being wounded as a direct result of those injuries.
2. No grant decision will be made on any Applicant until he or she has provided each of the following documents with his or her grant application:
 - a. Form DD214-Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty documenting deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom;
 - b. Medical records documenting the soldier’s injury and disability rating; and
 - c. A detailed statement of financial need or hardship.

Providing these documents to the Fund only means that a grant application will be considered and does not guarantee that a grant will

be made. The Fund may, in its discretion, request other documents it deems necessary to evaluate a particular application.

3. The Applicant must have received a **one hundred percent (100%)** Veterans Administration overall disability rating as a result of injuries he or she sustained in combat while deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

B. If the soldier is killed in combat:

1. The spouse of Applicant killed in action in support of Operation Iraq Freedom must provide proof of marriage acceptable to the Fund;
2. Certificate of Death or comparable certificate issued on behalf of the Applicant; and
3. A statement of financial need or hardship.

Providing these documents to the Fund only means that a grant application will be considered and does not guarantee that a grant will be made. The Fund may, in its discretion, request other documents it deems necessary to evaluate a particular application.

C. Generally:

1. The Applicant, or spouse of the Applicant if killed in action, must be in temporary, extreme financial hardship as a direct result of injuries or death in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The factors determining dire financial hardship are evaluated and determined at the discretion of the Fund and may be changed without notice at the discretion of the Fund.
2. Applicant must have been medically discharged from the military within six months of sustaining their injury while deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom and demonstrate that to the satisfaction of the fund.
3. Total grants made by the Fund are limited to 1(one) per soldier.
4. Grants made by the Fund are limited to no more than One Thousand Five Hundred (\$ 1,500). There is no guarantee an applicant will receive this amount. Amounts given are at the sole discretion of the Fallen Patriot Fund.
5. Spouses who have received SGLI life insurance benefits are ineligible for a grant.

6. Parents of soldiers injured or killed in action in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom are ineligible for grants.
7. Children over the age of eighteen (18) of soldiers injured or killed in action in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom are ineligible for grants.
8. An Applicant who is currently enrolled as a full-time graduate, undergraduate or vocational school student is ineligible for a grant.
9. Applicant must be 100 percent VA disabled **and** unemployable as a direct result of that disability.
10. The Fund does not provide grants for any educational or travel related purpose.
- 11. The Fund does not provide grants to remedy longstanding financial issues. We provide limited financial assistance to help with a qualified, immediate, and dire change of financial circumstances directly related to the injured veteran's disability**
12. The Fund reserves the right to rescind a grant or take all necessary action to obtain a refund of a grant that it deems was obtained under false pretenses or as a result of other fraudulent conduct.
13. These guidelines are for general reference purposes only. The Fund reserves the right to award or deny a grant in its sole discretion. The Fund reserves the right to vary from these guidelines at its sole discretion and without notice. The Fund reserves the right to change its eligibility requirements and maximum grant amount at its sole discretion and without notice.