

Frequently Asked Questions

Missouri Military Family Relief Fund

What is the Missouri Military Family Relief Fund?

This is a state-administered fund which will assist families of Missouri Resident Guard and Reservists who have been deployed for the Global War on Terrorism.

Who is eligible to receive money from this fund?

Eligible recipients include families of persons who are members of the Missouri National Guard or Missouri residents who are members of the reserves of the armed forces of the United States and have been called to active duty as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Who should eligible military personnel contact to receive this assistance?

The Fund is administered by the Adjutant General, and eligible personnel should contact Pat Rowe Kerr with the Missouri Veterans Commission or SFC Melissa Ireland with the Missouri National Guard.

MVC: 573-522-4220 Pat.Kerr@mvc.dps.mo.gov

Nat'l Guard: 573-638-9549

How is eligibility determined?

Eligibility criteria is established by the promulgation of rules and regulations by a panel consisting of a command sergeants major of the Missouri National Guard, a command sergeants major of the reserves or its equivalent, and a representative of the Missouri Veterans Commission.

Where will the money come from?

The program will receive funding through private donations and the creation of a check-off box on the Missouri State Income Tax form. Taxpayers and corporations can choose to donate by checking the box and filling in the amount. The General Assembly may also choose to appropriate funds from general revenue into the Missouri Military Family Relief Fund.

How can one donate to this fund today?

You can make your check or money order payable to:

Missouri Military Family Relief Fund

And mail to:

*Missouri National Guard
JFMO-JI/SSP-N
Attn: SFC Melissa Ireland
2302 Militia Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65101*

When does this fund begin?

Although Lt. Governor Peter Kinder signed House Bill 437 into law on June 28, 2005, the Missouri Military Family Relief Fund has a start date of August 28, 2005. Reserve or Guard members in need of immediate assistance should contact a program called Operation Outreach, which is administered by the Missouri Veterans Commission.