



## OMK EXPANDS ACTIVITY GRANTS TO SUPPORT COVID RESPONSE ACTIVATIONS AND MORE

**McLean, Virginia** -- For the past 15 years, Our Military Kids has proudly funded more than 69,000 extracurricular activity grants totalling \$28 million for the incredible children of our Nation's deployed Guard and Reserve and severely injured Veterans in recovery. These grants have established a sense of stability, community, and boosted confidence for these children during an otherwise difficult time in their lives.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Our Military Kids is committed to doubling our funding of extracurricular activity grants for these brave children so they continue to get the support and feel the gratitude they deserve. Effective immediately, we are rolling out changes to our current grant programs to better aid military families during this time.

"Our military families are experiencing elevated stress levels, especially given deployment extensions and stateside activations to assist with the unprecedented COVID-19 mission," said Executive Director Kara Dallman. "At Our Military Kids, we are expanding our grant criteria to provide as much opportunity for enrichment activities — virtual or in person — for these resilient children."

Our Military Kids is proud to introduce "**Honor-120**," a COVID-response campaign in effect through Veterans Day to increase our support of Guard and Reserve children whose parents have served our great Nation for 120 days overseas or, for the first time in our history, in 120-day stateside activations. Here are the details:

- **Activity Grants for 120-Day Stateside Activations:** For the first time since our organization was founded, Our Military Kids is offering activity grants for up to \$300 to eligible children of service members **activated stateside** in response to COVID-19 efforts or the Southwest Border Mission. These service members will have a minimum requirement of 120 aggregated days on their service orders before Veteran's Day for their children to be eligible. For more information about how to apply, please click [HERE](#).
- **Second Activity Grant for 120-Day Overseas Deployments:** In order to increase our support to the children whose parents are deployed overseas with the National Guard or Reserves, Our Military Kids will offer a **SECOND activity grant** for up to \$300 per eligible child. These service members will have a minimum requirement of 120 days on their orders and must still be deployed overseas at the time of application. Families who have not yet applied for their grant(s) during this deployment will be able to apply for a total of two grants per child before Veterans Day 2020. For more information about how to apply, please click [HERE](#).
- **Military Child Age Requirements:** Our Military Kids is accepting grant applications for **three-and-four-year-old** children of deployed National Guard or Reserve service members as well as those of severely injured service members or Veterans. This update expands our existing grant program to support military children 3-years old to 18, or the completion of high school through Veteran's Day 2020. For more information and how to apply, please click [HERE](#).



### **About Our Military Kids**

Our Military Kids, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit providing substantial support to children of deployed National Guard and Military Reserve service members and to children of wounded warriors from all active and reserve military branches. For more information, please visit [www.ourmilitarykids.org](http://www.ourmilitarykids.org) or contact Michelle Criqui at [mcricqui@ourmilitarykids.org](mailto:mcricqui@ourmilitarykids.org).

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