

VFW STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE  
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Service Member or Veteran must have been Honorably Discharged from the military. The applicant must be the Veteran, a relative or eligible dependent.

The Hardship cannot be caused by:

- Civil, legal or domestic issues, misconduct, or any issues that are a result of spousal separation or divorce
- Financial mismanagement by self or others, or due to Bankruptcy

All grants are paid directly to the creditor and not to the applicant. Second requests for assistance must be caused by a new situation or deployment.

Expenses Eligible for payment:

- Housing expenses – mortgage, rent, repairs, insurance
- Vehicle expenses – payments, insurance, repairs (vehicle not to be over 10 years old)
- Utilities and primary phone
- Food and incidentals
- Children's clothing, diapers, formula, necessary school or childcare expenses
- Medical bills, prescriptions & eyeglasses – the patient's portion for necessary or emergency medical care only
- Commercial transportation, funeral or burial expenses

Ineligible Expenses

- Credit cards, military charge cards or retail store cards
- Personal, student and payday loans
- Negative bank accounts (over draft fees and charges etc.)
- Cable, Internet, or secondary phones
- Investigational or cosmetic medical procedures & expenses

- Taxes (Federal, State, Local, Property or Real Estate)
- Child support, alimony, or legal expenses
- Military debt, or debt owed to a friend or family member
- Furniture, electronic equipment or vehicle rentals
- Down payments on homes or vehicles
- Reimbursements for items already paid for
- Bills obviously due to excessive use or mismanagement

The Veterans of Foreign Wars reserves the right to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis to the afore mentioned criteria.

#### Maximum Disbursements

Commander jointly with Quartermaster – up to \$100.00

Council of Administration required - between \$100.00 and \$750.00

An investigation of legitimate standing will be conducted as directed by the Department Commander or, in his absence, the Department Quartermaster. At the Commanders discretion, he or she will appoint an appropriate VFW representative to conduct an investigation and make a recommendation regarding approval or disapproval of the request. The recommendation will be provided on a signed and completed application form.

The VFW will not disburse partial payment of a specified need without conformation of any remaining balance being provided by another source.

**\*\* Maximum state disbursement \$750.00 \*\***