

Financial Aid Resources

Hello,

Attached are two lists of financial aid providers. The organization I spoke to you about is Operation First Response, their website is <https://www.operationfirstresponse.org/>

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Veteran Crisis Line: [1-800-273-8255](tel:18002738255) (Press 1 for veterans)

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Financial Resources

- **The Armed Forces Foundation** - www.ArmedForcesFoundation.org.

The Armed Forces Foundation is a non profit organization that started in 2010 and is dedicated to providing comfort and solace to members of the military community through financial support, career counseling, housing assistance and recreational therapy programs. We offer these vital programs to active-duty and retired personnel, National Guard, Reserve components, and their loved ones. This website is full of wonderful assistance options for vets/families along with applications for

assistance that are only 4 pages long! Go to AFF Programs to get more specific information.

- **Financial Planning Guide** - <http://www.totalmortgage.com/total-path/financial-planning-for-servicemembers-veterans/> This planning guide has been developed by a mortgage company but does not appear to solicit information. It has some good information that may be helpful to veterans and families. It may be one source that may offer helpful ideas.
- **Folds of Honor** - www.foldsofhonor.org FHF's unique post-secondary educational scholarships can be applied to schooling now or held by the Foundation on behalf of young children until needed at the time of enrollment. Scholarships for children of veterans are to be used to subsidize the costs of tuition, school books, fees, room and board, special tools and equipment necessary for coursework, school-approved tutoring, and any other expense that the school in which the student is enrolled may deem appropriate and unmet.
- **Hope for the Warriors** - www.hopeforthewarriors.org. The mission of Hope For The Warriors® is to enhance quality of life for U.S. service members and their families nationwide who have been adversely affected by injuries or death in the line of duty. Hope For The Warriors® actively seeks to ensure that the sacrifices of wounded and fallen warriors and their families are never forgotten nor their needs unmet. Includes assistance for "immediate needs", "family assistance", "warriors wish", etc.
- **Military Scholarships** - <http://www.militaryscholar.org/> The Scholarships for Military Children Program is primarily funded through the generosity of manufacturers and suppliers whose products are sold

at military commissaries, worldwide. Go to “scholarships” and the right menu will provide qualifications and directions to apply.

- **Modest Needs Organization** - www.ModestNeeds.org To responsibly provide short-term financial assistance to individuals and families in temporary crisis who, because they are working and live just above the poverty level, are ineligible for most types of conventional social assistance but who (like many of us) are living one or two lost paychecks away from the kind of financial catastrophe that eventually leads to homelessness. Users must create a log in, have documentation and create an application on line. Total time may take from 30 -45 minutes. You will be applying for the Homecoming Heroes Grant.
- **Operation Family Fund** - www.operationfamilyfund.org Financial grants for each eligible member or members family to meet personal, short and long term living needs in these areas; Food, rent or utilities, emergency transportation and vehicle repair, funeral expenses, legal expenses, medical/dental expenses, assistance with a home, rental, lease, purchase or home improvements, assistance with the purchase, rent or lease of a vehicle. The Board of Directors has final approval of all funds allocation and selection of money managers. Click on “How to apply for assistance”.
- **Operation First Response** - - www.operationfirstresponse.org For many veterans and families, the financial hardship begins quickly and for others it is after the domino effect of extra costs and lost wages. At whatever stage they are in when they contact OFR they are committed to doing all we can to support these families. Application is on line.
- **Operation Home Front** - www.operationhomefront.net This organization assists immediate family members of those who are

wounded, ill, injured or deployed. Criteria is listed under each type of assistance that may be provided and will guide you to your local chapter. Click on “Get Assistance” and it will ask for your zip code and have an application to download.

- **Office of Service Members Affairs - Consumer Financial Protection Bureau** - <http://www.consumerfinance.gov/servicemembers>
The central mission of the CFPB is to make consumer financial products, services and markets work for all Americans. Within the CFPB, the OSA serves specifically to protect service members, military families and veterans from financial harm, while also working to make the military community better educated consumers.
- **Rebuild Hope** - www.rebuildhope.org. Rebuild Hope offers an immediate and easy way to help these OEF/OIF families. Our one-of-a-kind, national network “connects” donors to beneficiaries, and we provide complementary services that increase the veteran’s odds of success. Rebuild Hope also recognizes their personal sacrifices and efforts to rebuild their lives by sharing their personal stories.
- **Red Cross** - www.redcross.org Collaborates with military aid societies in providing financial assistance when an urgent personal or family crisis arises-emergency travel, burial of a loved one or urgent health and welfare such as food and shelter. 1-877-272-7337 or website.
- **Salute Heroes** - www.saluteheroes.org Since 2004, the Coalition to Salute America’s Heroes has provided disabled American veterans from Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom with millions of dollars worth of Emergency Financial Aid and support services. Application and eligibility requirements are on line.
- **Salute Inc.** <http://www.saluteinc.org/> To passionately pursue meeting the financial, physical and emotional needs of military service members,

veterans and their families. We strive to raise awareness of their sacrifices and provide a safety net to ensure every military family is treated with honor and dignity.

- **Semper Fi Fund** - www.semperfund.org The Semper Fi Fund (SFF) provides relief for financial needs that arise during hospitalization and recovery as well as assistance for those with perpetuating needs. Our program provides support in a variety of ways including: Service Member and Family Support, Specialized & Adaptive Equipment, Adaptive Housing, Adaptive Transportation, Education and Career Transition Assistance, Therapeutic Arts and Team Semper Fi. Needed resources are directed to post 9-11 Marines and Sailors, as well as members of the Army, Air Force or Coast Guard who serve in support of Marine forces.
- **USA Cares** - www.usacares.org. USA Cares provides financial and advocacy assistance to post 9/11 active duty US military service personnel, veterans and their families. We assist all branches of service, all ranks and components and treat all with privacy and dignity in appreciation for their service and sacrifice. We never charge fees nor accept repayment and rely on donations from private citizens, businesses and foundations for all funding.

- **2014 Prince William County Financial Assistance Resources**

- ****FUNDS ARE NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE AND CERTAIN PLACES MAY ONLY OFFER ASSISTANCE TO A CERTAIN REGION OF THE COUNTY****

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- **ACTS/Turning Point** – Short term transitional housing and advice on finding permanent housing are offered, utility assistance for Woodbridge, Triangle, Quantico & Dumfries, Virginia. 703-441-8606; dial 703-368-4141.
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- **St. Vincent de Paul Society, All Saints Conference** – The charity organization provides fuel, mortgage, housing, rent, utility, and occasional additional assistance for bills. Address is 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, Virginia 20110, call (703) 368-2429
- Spanish speaking – 703-393-1483, RARE for hotel housing*, **only helps with their area**
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- **Streetlight Community Outreach Ministries** – May have limited financial assistance to help the impoverished men, women and children, as well as homeless, pay for bills and rent in an emergency. Woodbridge, Virginia – 22191. (703)491-2288
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- **Tabernacle Baptist Church** - Limited financial assistance for bills, debts, and rents may be offered. 8275 Barrett Drive, Manassas, Virginia 20109, call (703)368-8610
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- **Holy Family**- Monday-Friday 10:00am to 2pm financial aid/food and other referrals from ACTS Financial assistance reviewed on a case by case basis. Must interview with the
- Director for financial assistance (703)-670-8161 or (703)730-1791
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- **Salvation Army** - (703)-580-8991. 4343 Ridgewood Center, Woodbridge, VA 22192. Monday-Friday 9am to 12 noon & 1pm to 4pm. must have cutoff on utility & eviction notice for rental assistance. Services include clothing vouchers (for thrift store) and prescriptions.
- **St. Francis House** - 2606 Heth Ct. Dumfries, VA 22026 - Monday-Friday 8:00am to 3:30pm Must live in Eastern Prince William. Food Closet on Thursdays, Financial assistance with utility cut off notice & emergency prescriptions. Fill out application, bring ID, prescription up \$60 (703)-221-6344
- **First Baptist Church** – 9258 Center St., Manassas, Virginia 20110. Rental assistance for a past due notice. Utility assistance for past due notices. (703)368-1310 Sandra Grear – M-W&F – 11am-1pm walk in only. Free lunch every Thursday 11:30am – 1:30pm. On the last Thursday of each month, there is free dinner 5:00pm-7:00pm.
- **Catholic Charities** – 131 s. West St Alexandria, VA. Assists all areas of Prince William County with financial assistance. (703) 548-4227.
- **Catholics for Housing** - Eligible applicants can receive up to \$200 to be used toward a security deposit to move into permanent rental housing. Get application at <http://www.catholicsforhousing.org/programs.htm>. 18139 Triangle Shopping Plaza, Suite 209, Dumfries, VA 22026. (703-221-4510)
- **House of Mercy** - Emergency financial assistance 8170 Flannery Court, Manassas, VA 20109. Call (703)659-1636
- **Holy Trinity Catholic Church**- 8213 Linton Hall Rd, Gainesville (703) 753-6700 or 571 222-7115. Emergency utility assistance for surrounding area only.
- **Cokesbury Methodist Church** – Woodbridge, Virginia (703)494-5400. Limited financial assistance for utilities only.
- **Calvary Baptist Church** – 15880 Crest Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191 (703) 670-7217

- **First AME Church of Manassas** – 10313 Grant Avenue, Manassas, Virginia 20110. Food pantry is M-Th 10am-1pm. Minimal financial assistance available for utilities only, call first. (703-361-8791 ext. 3) M-Friday 9:30-3:30
- **Trinity Episcopal:** Possible financial assistance. Walk-ins only T& Th 1-3pm at 9325 West St. Manassas
- **Bull Run Unitarian Universalists**– Call first for financial assistance. 9350 Main St., Manassas, Virginia 20110. (703)361-6269
- **Emmanuel Baptist Church** – Financial assistance is available case by case basis, please call first. 8006 Centreville Rd., Manassas, Virginia 20111. (703-368-9206)
- **Dumfries United Methodist** - Monday 5:30pm to 7:30pm Financial assistance with utility bills & emergency prescriptions (Must have a pledge sheet from Acts \$25 limit) and must live in the Dumfries, Triangle or Quantico area. (703) 221-2880 at 3890 Cameron St, Dumfries VA
- **St. Thomas United Methodist Church** – Call for possible financial assistance. 8899 Sudley Rd., Manassas, VA 20110. (703-368-5161)
- **Chapel Springs Assembly of God** –Financial assistance for utility bills is a percentage of the total bill case by case basis. (703)368-2895 11500 New Life Way, Bristow, Virginia 20136.