

Military Appreciation Program Grant FAQ

What is a MAP Grant?

It is financial assistance given to a VFW Post for troop support activities to build relationships and provide information to their local adopted unit about VFW programs and services.

Who can apply for a MAP Grant?

VFW Departments and Posts that desire to support their local military. The actual MAP application can only be submitted by a VFW member and must be signed by the appropriate individuals which are specified in the MAP Grant Guidelines.

Funding Restrictions

Posts are restricted to receiving \$2,000 annually and \$1,000 per adopted unit.

Overseas Funding

A dedicated amount of \$15,000 will be reserved within the budget to help support overseas participation in the MAP program.

What kind of events can MAP Grant funds be used for

- Family Days, Picnics, BBQ's, Welcome Home and Deployment Ceremonies, Holidays and Festivals.

Note: MAP Grants cannot be used for Public Events and/or Formal Military events such as: Military Dining In/Out, Military Balls, Change of Command/Responsibility Ceremonies, etc.

What items can be purchased with MAP Grant funds?

Basic food and non-alcoholic beverages for currently serving military and their family members only.

Grant Information regarding Adopted Units:

Adopting a larger (Parent Unit) does not entitle a Post to a MAP grant cap for each of its subordinate units: if the adoption paperwork names the Parent Unit, the Post files one MAP grant application under the Parent Unit, subject to a single cap. To file for subordinate units individually, the Post must complete separate adoption paperwork for each subordinate unit it wishes to adopt, then submit a separate MAP grant application per unit each adoption requires its own paperwork.



Where do I get a MAP Grant Application?

The MAP Grant applications can be found on the National Programs Dashboard starting in October 2025. Select "Create Entry" and use the "Entry Type" drop down to select "Grants". Under "Grant Type" select "Military Appreciation"

When should I submit the MAP Grant Application?

Grants open September 2026 for the 2026-2027 year and are on a first come first serve basis while funding is available.

Grants are reimbursement based, applications should be submitted after your event.

For any further questions or concerns please contact the MAP Office by phone at (816)-968-1187 or email m.a.p@vfw.org

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