



VETERANS OF FOREIGNS WARS AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

WISCONSIN VETERAN ASSISTANCE

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Last month Veterans & Family Support Chairman, Nancy Ustruck, did an excellent job of explaining the National **VFW's Unmet Needs Program**. **Active Duty** can access the VFW Website for assistance up to \$1500.

The Wisconsin Veteran Assistance Program—Unmet Needs was created to assist all **WI Veterans** who are currently serving or those that have served who are in need of financial assistance. The Veteran's family in need can apply, as well. The Veteran does not need to be a member of the VFW to apply for assistance. The application is 5 pages long, so it is a very detailed financial report which is confidential. All applications are individually reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Submitting an application **DOES NOT** guarantee payment of funds. The applicant will be allowed to submit one application every 36 months even if the prior application was denied. At the July Council of Administration Meeting, the VFW approved to increase the minimal grant up from \$1500 to \$2500 per application.

If approved, what can these monies be expended for? These monies are used to cover household expenses, vehicle expenses, utilities, food and clothing, medical bills or other basic life needs. At no time the funds will be sent directly to the applicant. **ALL FUNDS ARE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE CREDITOR** within 30 days of the application **if** approved by the Committee. The Committee is composed of one Chairman and four other members who are appointed by the State Commander. The majority of the Committee has to approve the funds. When approved, the VFW Quartermaster will disperse the monies to the creditors.

Where can the Veteran or family member obtain an application? The application is available at the County Veterans Service Officer, VFW Dept. of WI Headquarters, www.wivfwaux.org, or Chairman: Bruce Sorensen, 2113 Rainbow Drive, Suamico, WI 54313; 920-360-3523; bsorensen@new.rr.com

In conclusion, there are many similarities between the VFW National and VFW Dept. of WI's Unmet Needs Program such as completing an application, eligible expenses and non-eligible expenses. VFW Dept. of WI helps **ALL** Veterans and has a higher grant! Your monetary support of any amount is needed to sustain this program to assist our WI Veterans in need. Your check is to be made out to VFW-WI and **EARMARKED UNMET NEEDS** and sent to: VFW HEADQUARTERS, P.O. BOX 6128, MONONA, WI 53716-6128. After making your donation, please email me or send me a note that includes your Aux. no., District no. and amount of donation. By doing so, your Aux. will be placed into a drawing for 1 of 4 awards that will be given out at the 2022 Convention. All audits must be on file at the Dept. Treasurer's office to be eligible for the award. Donations to WI Unmet Needs should be made by May 1, 2022.

Remember, **"Don't Fudge on Care for Veterans"** while **"Soaring Above and Beyond"** as you support the WI Unmet Needs Program!

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