



First to Fight Foundation is a charitable organization founded by combat veterans to give support to military veterans and their families by providing guidance with the transition from active duty, a connection to other veterans, and resources to maintain a successful civilian life. The foundation provides referrals, guidance, and mentors for veterans who need assistance navigating the V.A. systems, learning about benefits and services, medical care, rehabilitation, counseling, housing, job training, financial assistance, and more by reconnecting each other with a sense of camaraderie. Our organization is founded on the principle of veterans helping veterans – taking care of each other and our families.

Grants from First to Fight Foundation are available to assist veterans and family members who are experiencing undue financial hardship and need help to get back on their feet. These funds can be used for such things as: housing, utilities, medical bills, and other essential expenses. Funding is provided through private donations by individuals and corporations.

Qualifications for Funding:

1. Must be a Veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Louisiana National Guard or Reserves (DD214 and/or NGB22 required), OR current member of the Louisiana National Guard or Reserves.
2. Veteran or service member must meet one of the following conditions: Completed 24 months of continuous active-duty; Completed at least 90 days of active duty with early discharge for hardship (10 USC 1171 or 1173); AND received a discharge of “Honorable” or “Under Honorable Conditions”.
3. Veteran or service member must be a current resident of the United States of America.
4. Submit a complete application with all required supporting documents. *Incomplete applications or applications without proper supporting documentation will not be considered.*
5. Funding and distributions are need-based and must be used for necessary expenses that have created or will create undue hardship for the Veterans and their family.
6. Funding will be limited to availability from the Foundation. First to Fight Board of Directors reserves sole discretion of grant amount and eligibility.

Mail the enclosed application and required documents to:

First to Fight Foundation
P.O. Box 15781
New Orleans, Louisiana 70175

Contact us at: cook@firsttofight.org / (504) 338-5893

FIRST TO FIGHT FOUNDATION
Veteran Assistance Application

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Relationship to Veteran: _____
Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email Address: _____
Place of Employment: _____ Marital Status: _____ Number of Dependents: _____
Disability/Special Needs: _____

Veteran/Service Member Information (As it appears on DD214 or Military Orders)

Branch of Service: _____ Rank: _____ Total Years of Service: _____
Date Entered: ____/____/____ Exited Service: ____/____/____
Are you a current member of the National Guard or Reserves? Yes No

Amount Requested \$ _____

Reason for Request

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Expense: Mortgage/Rent | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Expenses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Household: Storm Damage, Major Repair | <input type="checkbox"/> Food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities: Electricity, Gas, Water, Sewage | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle: Payment, Insurance, Major Repair | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Need: _____ |

Expenses not eligible: Non-essential home improvements, payment of fines or legal expenses, vacation, cosmetic or unnecessary medical procedures, non-essentials for basic life needs. All applications are individually reviewed. First to Fight Foundation reserves the right to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

Please provide the following documents

- Valid Photo ID or Military/Dept. ID
- Copy of Veteran's DD214 or Discharge
- Proof of Relationship to eligible Veteran or service member (immediate family members only)
- Current statement for bills, mortgage/rent, foreclosure, eviction, or disconnection notice
- Damage evaluation and estimates, if seeking assistance with major home or auto repair

Agreement

I attest that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that there is no guarantee my application will be granted. If eligible to receive funds, I certify these funds will be used for the reasons indicated in my application. I also understand that if my application is granted, assistance will, in most cases, be paid directly to the service provider and not me.

I promise to repay First to Fight Foundation if I receive payments from another source specifically to satisfy the need for which I am requesting assistance. I understand that willfully and knowingly providing false information on this application could result in the denial of my application.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____