

## **Basic Eligibility Requirements and General Guidelines of the Fallen Patriot Fund (the “Fund”).**

### **A. If the soldier is wounded in combat:**

1. The soldier (hereinafter called “Applicant”) must have been wounded in combat in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and the Applicant must be medically discharged from military service.
2. No grant decision will be made on any Applicant until he or she has provided each of the following documents with his or her grant application:
  - a. Form DD214-Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty;
  - b. Medical records documenting the soldier’s injury and disability rating; and
  - c. A statement of financial need or hardship.

Providing these documents to the Fund only means that a grant application will be considered and does not guarantee that a grant will be made. The Fund may, in its discretion, request other documents it deems necessary to evaluate a particular application.

3. The Applicant must have received a minimum of a seventy-five percent (75%) Veterans Administration overall disability rating as a result of injuries he or she sustained in combat in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

### **B. If the soldier is killed in combat:**

1. The spouse of Applicant killed in action in support of Operation Iraq Freedom must provide proof of marriage acceptable to the Fund;
2. Certificate of Death or comparable certificate issued on behalf of the Applicant; and
3. A statement of financial need or hardship.

Providing these documents to the Fund only means that a grant application will be considered and does not guarantee that a grant will be made. The Fund may, in its discretion, request other documents it deems necessary to evaluate a particular application.

### **C. Generally:**

1. The Applicant, or spouse of the Applicant if killed in action, must be in dire financial hardship as a direct result of injuries or death in support of

Operation Iraqi Freedom. The factors determining dire financial hardship are evaluated and determined at the discretion of the Fund and may be changed without notice at the discretion of the Fund.

2. Supplemental grants to Applicants are permitted in direst of financial circumstances to be determined in the sole discretion of the Fund. An Applicant is not eligible for a supplemental grant unless twelve (12) calendar months have passed from his or her previous grant.
3. Total grants made by the Fund to any one Applicant are limited to three (3) grants. There is no guarantee that any one Applicant will receive a supplemental grant regardless of financial circumstances or how many previous grants the Applicant has received. A supplemental grant may be provided or denied at the sole discretion of the Fund.
4. Each grant made by the Fund is now limited to no more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00).
5. The amount of a grant, up to the maximum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), is at the complete discretion of the Fund and is based on the individual circumstances of the particular Applicant. Individual grant award amounts have no relation to amounts awarded to any other applicant.
6. A total of any three (3) grants, should an Applicant be eligible for a supplemental grant, may not total more than Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00). Example: If an Applicant has previously received an initial grant of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and a supplemental grant of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), if he or she is deemed eligible for a third grant, the total maximum grant allowable would be no more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). The Applicant must still satisfy all eligibility requirements and any amount awarded, up to the maximum amount available, is within the sole discretion of the Fund.
7. Spouses who have received SGLI life insurance benefits are generally ineligible for a grant.
8. Parents of soldiers injured or killed in action in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom are generally ineligible for grants.
9. Children over the age of eighteen (18) of soldiers injured or killed in action in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom are ineligible for grants.
10. The Fund does not provide grants for deaths arising out of suicide regardless of circumstances.

11. An Applicant who is currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or vocational school student must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Fund that any grant awarded will be used to meet basic living expenses and not put towards educational expenses. An Applicant that is enrolled in graduate school is generally ineligible for a grant.
12. The Fund does not provide grants for any educational or travel related purpose.
13. The Fund reserves the right to rescind a grant or take all necessary action to obtain a refund of a grant that it deems was obtained under false pretenses or as a result of other fraudulent conduct.
14. These guidelines are for general reference purposes only. The Fund reserves the right to award or deny a grant in its sole discretion. The Fund reserves the right to vary from these guidelines at its sole discretion and without notice. The Fund reserves the right to change its eligibility requirements and maximum grant amount at its sole discretion and without notice.