



The American Legion Petaluma Post 28 is focused on the health and welfare of our country's children and youth, which are the future resource of our communities, state, and country. They are facing some of the same issues, as well as many new issues from when the American Legion was founded in 1919.

One of the four pillars the American Legion was founded on was the pillar - Children & Youth. The American Legion understands that a country is only as strong as its safety, care, and feeding our its most important resource - our children and youth. Therefore, the children and youth pillar and its programs remain committed to serving the nation's youth on the national, state (California) and local (American Legion Petaluma Post 28) level.

American Legion Committee on Children and Youth

The purpose of the committee is to formulate, recommend and implement plans, programs and activities designed to:

- Assure care and protection for the children of veterans
- Improve conditions for all children and youth, with due concern for maintaining the integrity of the family home
- Prevent social and physical ills of children and youth where possible
- Maintain a balanced program that provides for their physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual needs

American Legion Children and Youth Help

Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA)

TFA is specifically designed to assist minor children of eligible veterans through cash grants, which contribute to a stable home environment. These grants help families meet the costs of shelter, utilities, food and medical expenses.

Maintenance Grants

Maintenance grants may be used to assist with expenses for basic needs such as:

- Shelter
- Utilities
- Food
- Clothing

Maintenance grants cannot be awarded for previously incurred debt, except to prevent disconnection of utilities or stop eviction or foreclosure.

Medical Grants

Medical grants for a child may be used to assist with healthcare expenses such as:

- Medical care
- Dental care
- Surgery
- Hospitalization
- Medications
- Dietary needs

Medical grants require a written statement from a physician outlining the problem, treatment, and estimated costs. This type of grant must be approved before services are rendered. Medical grants can not be awarded for previous medical expenses or care.

How to Apply for Temporary Financial Assistance



Contact your [local American Legion post](#): (707) 347-9085

Who is eligible for a grant?

The minor child must not be older than 17, or 20 if still enrolled in high school or is physically handicapped. The minor child must be the biological child, stepchild, or in the legal custody of, a qualifying veteran. A qualifying veteran is defined as a member of the United States Armed Forces serving on federal orders current under Title 10 of the United States Code, inclusive of all components, OR any veteran possessing an up-to-date membership in The American Legion. Active duty applicants can be considered without being a member of The American Legion. A single onetime non-repayable Temporary Financial Assistance grant of up to \$1,500 will be permitted for the minor child(ren) of a qualifying veteran.

No child is considered eligible for Temporary Financial Assistance until a complete investigation is conducted at the post or department level, a legitimate family need is determined, and all other available assistance resources have been utilized or exhausted. Additionally, the TFA application must originate and be filled out by someone at the local level.

Family Support Network



Together, we must act to ensure that no family endures hardships caused by military service.

How the Family Support Network Works

The American Legion recognizes that families of deployed and activated military personnel face special difficulties and hardships. With the help of the Family Support Network, these families do not have to shoulder this burden alone. Families can request assistance from local **American Legion Petaluma Post (707) 347-9085**

The local post contacts the family and provides the assistance, if resources are available, or refers the family to other local agencies. In case of financial need, the post provides the necessary funds or assists the family in applying for Temporary Financial Assistance, if minor children are in the home. The following service can be provided:

- Provide assistance with household chores
- Repairs & Maintenance
- Child Care
- Expenses

Help ensure that military families do not shoulder the burden of service alone

Download [Family Support Brochure](#)

Requesting Family Support Assistance

Please fill out the following form to apply for assistance online. You may also apply for assistance by calling **(707) 347-9085**

Requesting Family Support Assistance

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Primary Phone:

Email Address

Servicemember's full name:

Branch of service: Branch of service: ▼

Number of dependants:

How can we help? (please be specific):

Number

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