



COVID-19 Airman's Assistance Fund (CAAF)

Grant Operations

CAAF Grant Guidelines and Eligibility

AFA's COVID-19 Airman's Assistance Fund (CAAF) will provide financial assistance in the form of grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 for Active Duty Airmen/DoD civilians/contractors, Space Force Professionals, Air Force Veterans, Reservists, ANG personnel, wounded Airmen, and their families.

Grants will also serve to provide financial assistance for AFA's Community Partners - small businesses that are supporting emergency first responders, medical professionals, Airmen, and their families amidst the impact of COVID-19.

CAAF Checklist for Grant Applicants

The grant application will be an ongoing process as needs present themselves. Grant recipients will be notified by email within a 24 - 48-hour turnaround time. Grant applicants will:

- Start a new application on SmarterSelect by clicking "Apply"
- Create a new account on SmarterSelect
- Step 1: Enter your application data
- Step 2: Once you have answered all application questions, click "Submit"
- Step 3: Confirm your submission by clicking "OK"
- Print/Save your application for your records

If you forgot your password, click "reset password" to change it. If you forget your username, send an email to CAAF@afa.org for help.

***Your spam filter might block our emails to you. Be sure to add automated.email@smarterselect.com to your address book to receive important communications. ***

CAAF Grant Rules

Air Force First Sergeant requests for support should go through Operation Warm Heart and Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) first. They serve as the first responders for Air Force First Sergeants.

Upon submission to Operation Warm Heart and AFAS, Air Force First Sergeants will complete the CAAF Grant Application for First Sergeants for their individual Airmen and councils.

AFA Chapters will complete the CAAF Grant Application for their Community Partners who are supporting emergency first responders, base operations, and/or Airmen and their families.

Air Force Veterans, DoD civilians, Air Force contractors, Air Force Reservists and ANG personnel not applying through First Sergeants should send requests for COVID-19 support to CAAF@afa.org.

Wounded Airmen and Caregivers are eligible for financial assistance grants through AFA's Wounded Airman Program (WAP), which is worked through the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program (AFW2).