



Wounded Hero & Caregiver Program Eligibility

Individual Requests:

Individual requests for care packages for Wounded Heroes & Caregivers must be submitted via the request form on the Operation Gratitude Website found here. (will insert link when site is live)

Once the request has been submitted and documents received, Operation Gratitude will verify eligibility based on the requirements below. If eligible, the requester will receive a Wounded Hero & Caregiver Care Package on the next available date. (See care package delivery schedule - TBD)

Requirements:

There may be some exceptions to these policies, but they will be taken into consideration on a case by case basis. These policy guidelines can be changed and or updated at any time.

Service Member/Veteran:

1. The Service Member/Veteran was wounded, incurred or aggravated a serious injury (including traumatic brain injury, psychological trauma, or other mental disorder) or illness (including cancer, or other life threatening illnesses) in the line of duty..
2. Because of the qualifying wound, serious injury or illness, the Service Member/Veteran requires another person (a Caregiver) to assist the Veteran with the management of personal care functions required in everyday living.
3. The wound, serious injury or illness renders the Service Member/Veteran in need of personal care services on a daily basis.
4. The Service Member/Veteran receives ongoing care from a military medical center or VA health care team.

Caregiver:

1. The Caregiver must be at least 18 years of age.
2. The Caregiver must be either:
 - a. Immediate family member; or
 - b. Someone who lives with the Service Member or Veteran full time
3. The Caregiver may also be Non Medical Attendant



Verification Requirements:

Active Duty, Veterans, & Caregivers must be able to supply AT LEAST ONE or more of these documents for their caregiver to receive a Operation Gratitude Wounded Hero and Caregiver Care Package.

Active Duty:

- Army Wounded Warrior Program (AW2) enrollment verification
- Orders assigning you to the Marine WWBN, the Army WTB/WTU or TDY orders to a MTF
- DA Form 199 Informal Physical Evaluation Board Proceedings
- DA Form 3947 Medical Board Proceedings
- Proposed VA Ratings Letter

Veteran (Both forms are required):

- VA Disability Entitlement Letter (Award Letter)
- DD 214

Caregiver:

- Proof of status as a Non-Medical Attendant (NMA)
- Proof of status as qualified VA Caregiver
- Service Member must be rated 60% disabled or higher as listed on the DD 214

Group Requests:

If you are a non-profit or veteran service organization that supports the Wounded Hero & Caregiver community and you would like to request a large number of care packages, please email Betsy Eves at beves@operationgratitude.com to coordinate.