



*The Official Relief Organization of the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force.*

## AFAS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UPDATES

# STREAMLINED APPLICATION PROCESS & New Categories of Support

**Air & Space Forces Aid Society (AFAS)** provides interest-free loans, grants, or a combination to help Airmen, Guardians, and their families manage unexpected financial emergencies and needs.

To better serve the Air and Space Force communities, AFAS is introducing a streamlined application process that consolidates all emergency financial assistance requests into a single application. This change helps eliminate confusion, reduce delays, and ensure consistent and equitable service delivery across all eligibility categories.

In addition, AFAS expanded the list of categories it supports starting in June 2025 to reflect the real-life challenges our military families face.

## APPLICATION PROCESS CHANGES

### ★ Falcon Assistance Integrated

This process has been fully integrated into the Standard Assistance process, providing a simplified, consistent way to apply for support.

### ★ No Loan Limit

Applicants may receive multiple interest-free loans if their financial need is justified and their personal budget supports repayment.

AFAS strongly encourages members to use AFAS interest-free loans as a first option before turning to high-interest or predatory lenders.

## WHAT ASSISTANCE CAN HELP WITH

AFAS provides financial assistance for a wide range of verified needs, including (but not limited to):

- ★ Rent, mortgage, or utility bills
- ★ Vehicle repairs, insurance, or fuel
- ★ Emergency medical or dental care costs
- ★ Child Care and funeral expenses
- ★ Emergency travel
- ★ Food and personal hygiene items
- ★ Domestic violence support
- ★ Pet emergency surgery or PCS-related pet transportation
- ★ Special needs expenses (EFMP), cranial helmets, and pay/allotment issues

## NEW CATEGORIES OF SUPPORT (Starting June 2025)

- ★ Adoption expenses
- ★ Furniture costs
- ★ Overseas car rental
- ★ Car Seat/Booster Seats
- ★ Home repair
- ★ Immigration expenses
- ★ Mental health support
- ★ Vehicle shipment costs for PCS moves

## ELIGIBILITY

AFAS financial assistance is available to:

- ★ Active-duty Air Force and Space Force members
- ★ Guard and Reserve (regardless of duty status)
- ★ Retirees, surviving spouses, and eligible dependents
- ★ Spouses with a valid Power of Attorney (POA) and dependents enrolled in DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System)

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## APPLICATION PROCESS

### To Apply:

1. Visit [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org) and click “Request Assistance” at the top of the page
2. Register for an account (first-time users) or Sign in (existing users)
3. Complete the online application

**Important note:** All applications require supporting documents, and a budget worksheet may also be required depending on the type of request.

### Repayment Terms:

Repayment plans vary but typically range up to 24 months, based on the applicant’s service timeline and ability to repay.

- ★ Active Duty: Repayments via allotment
- ★ Traditional Guard/Reserve: Repayments via ACH withdrawal
- ★ Retired: Repayment via allotment

AFAS is committed to providing timely responses and ensuring emergency needs are met swiftly and compassionately.

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## MORE THAN EMERGENCY HELP

AFAS also offers additional programs designed to support financial well-being:

- ★ Financial Education and Budgeting Tools
- ★ Educational Scholarships
- ★ Disaster Relief Assistance
- ★ Child Care Assistance through our *Child Care for PCS* and *Give Parents a Break* Programs

These programs are designed to reduce stress, strengthen families, and support mission readiness.

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## DON'T SEE A PROGRAM THAT FITS YOUR SITUATION?

If there is a financial need not listed above, please don't hesitate to contact AFAS. We may be able to assist or connect you with trusted resources that can.



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