



## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

# SPECIAL NEEDS (EFMP)



Families with special needs members may be faced with frequent medical care needs resulting in added and unexpected costs. Dealing with these financial burdens can make an already difficult situation even more challenging. AFAS provides financial help when the family has medical or other needs not fully covered or not covered by TRICARE.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Air Force and Space Force active-duty members
- Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members on a Title 10 or Title 32 Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Initial/Continuation order
- Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members on a Title 10 or Title 32 order for 180 days or more

## GUIDANCE

- Families with a “Q” code personnel record designation are assisted with up to \$3,000 per special needs family member over a three-year period. The three-year period begins again if family still meets eligibility criteria.
- AFAS assistance should be approved prior to purchase of special equipment or need.
- Approved as a loan and converted to a grant upon submission of receipts within 7 days.
- Assistance is provided for, but not limited to:
  - Special therapeutic equipment
  - Educational equipment
  - Communication devices
  - Transportation equipment
  - Fees for specialized camps

## DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- Single Unit Retrieval Format (SURF) or Career Data Brief (CDB) showing “Q” code designation
- Estimate(s)
- Doctor or therapist recommendation is required for specific need
- Other system-built documentation required with application