



WHY GIVE TO ORION MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND?

5 Reasons Military Kids Need You

1.4 MILLION AMERICANS CURRENTLY VOLUNTEER TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

According to 2020 demographics, there are about 1.4 million U.S. military personnel currently serving in the active full-time component, subject to orders and deployments, and approximately half are parents.



2 MILLION MILITARY KIDS EXPERIENCE PARENT DEPLOYMENT

Since 2001, 2 million military children experienced deployment of an active duty parent, typically 6 to 18 months in length. Parent deployment is a risk factor for anxiety and depression.

MILITARY STUDENTS EXPERIENCE "MORE STRESS AND CHALLENGES" THAN CIVILIAN PEERS

97 percent of school professionals believe military students experience more stress and challenges than their civilian peers due to frequent moves and deployments. Military children ages 11 to 17 show more emotional and behavioral difficulties, such as anxiety, depression, withdrawal, and social isolation.



MILITARY KIDS CHANGE SCHOOLS 6 TO 9 TIMES

Typical military children move three times more often than civilian children, or 6 to 9 times between kindergarten and graduation, causing educational disruption and emotional stress.

BOARDING SCHOOL OFFERS THE STABILITY MILITARY CHILDREN NEED

The stability of attending one high school eliminates the frequent social disengagement and interruption in academic progress military adolescents normally endure. Boarding school offers a four-year, uninterrupted educational experience, where children whose parents serve our country can build strong academic and emotional foundations for bright futures.



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