

Academy Spouses' Club Welfare Guidelines 2024-2025

Each year, the Academy Spouses' Club (ASC), headquartered at the United States Air Force Academy, CO, awards grants in support of those organizations and charities, both local and national, whose purpose is to serve military members and their families. These grants are awarded as an expression of our gratitude for the outreach and support such organizations provide to our service members and their families, and the ASC exists, in part, to aid them in accomplishing this mission.

Grant requests will be accepted between September 2024 through April 2025 and can be submitted via an online form on the ASC website (usafaasc.org) or by mailing a completed request form to the ASC office at PO Box 78, USAF Academy, CO 80840. Once received, the request for grant funding will be reviewed and evaluated by the Welfare Chair and considered based on priorities as outlined below. Approval of welfare requests by the ASC Governing Board will begin in January 2025 and continue until all welfare funds are exhausted. Once a request is approved, the Welfare Treasurer will send a check within 14 days. Emergency requests will be considered outside of these dates and can be submitted by emailing your request to USAFAasc@gmail.com.

Grants are awarded according to the below established priorities:

Priority 1: Requests from organizations benefiting those military members assigned to USAFA: Cadets, Prep school students, and Active Duty military members and their families.

Priority 2: Requests from organizations benefiting military-affiliated organizations and charities which serve the military community within the Pikes Peak Region.

Priority 3: Requests benefiting military-affiliated organizations and charities which serve the military community within the Pikes Peak Region.

Priority 4: Requests from organizations that are not specifically military-affiliated, but which serve the military and veteran population within the Pikes Peak Region.

Restrictions:

Because the ASC exists to award scholarships as well as grants, no grant requests will be approved which present a conflict to the ASC mission; for example, no funds will be granted for scholarship awards.

The ASC does not consider requests for general operating expenses including, but not limited to, fees, insurance, rent, utilities, payroll, stipends, travel, or other administrative costs.

Requests will not be considered for reimbursement of expenses or for past events.

To assist us in considering your request, please provide as much information as possible regarding your organization. Provide specifics as to how it will directly benefit our military community. If the request is for specific items, please provide exact costs and the names of any suppliers, where it will be purchased, and the purpose of the item.

Our funding is limited and as such, the ASC will determine which requests to support. Since the grants will be awarded in response to a specific need, the receiving organization must use the funds received for their intended purpose.

Organizations, after receiving their requested grant, are encouraged to recognize the ASC donation through their website, social media, or other avenues to promote the ASC and its philanthropic mission.