



Children & Youth eBulletin



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An electronic update for the new Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) Application

A new year always brings new beginnings and possibilities. This year is no different. We want to celebrate The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation (VCF) and the vital work that it does for our veterans and their families of this great country. In effort to promote the foundation and the services it provides to our nation's veterans and their families, we have to take a new approach.

One of the ways to get the word out about VCF is by sharing testimonial's from Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) grant recipients. We recognize that for some veterans their story of need may be a sensitive subject in which they are not willing to share. However, for veterans willing to share how The American Legion supported their family in a time of need with a TFA grant, we want to hear their story. This lets other veterans and their family know that they are not alone; The American Legion is here to help through the VCF. TFA grant testimonials can provide a connection with other veterans who share the same experiences and hardships. A veteran's story can bring hope to another veteran and their family who is in a similar situation.

We want to inform you that the TFA grant application has been updated to help facilitate the sharing of these TFA stories. You will see that a new notice has been added to the application that reads:

NOTICE

If you are a recipient of a Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) grant and would like to be contacted by staff from The American Legion National Headquarters to publicly share your story of how The American Legion assisted you, please sign below. Your testimonial will be used in print, marketing and online American Legion media. Personal TFA stories promote The American Legion Veterans & Children Foundation efforts, through which grants are made possible, and how donations to the foundation support ongoing assistance for veterans and their families in need.

NOTE: DECLINING TO PROVIDE YOUR SIGNATURE WILL IN NO WAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE EVALUATION OF YOUR TFA GRANT APPLICATION.

The notice advises a grant applicant of the national organization's interest to share their story of how The American Legion TFA grant assisted them; for others to know that help is available. The notice gives the applicant an option for personalizing their story by allowing the Media and Communications staff to use their identity and image to accompany the story in print, marketing and online American Legion media. Participation to have their identity used in a story is 100 percent voluntary – regardless of whether the applicant chooses to allow the use of their identity and image, or not, their decision will have absolutely no bearing upon the evaluation and outcome of their TFA grant application.

Please do not hesitate to contact Youth Welfare Program Manager Stacy Cope at (317) 630-1323 or Americanism@legion.org should you have any questions about this new update to the TFA grant application. Thank you for continuing to serve and help fellow veterans and their families!