

American Legion Department of Michigan Reconnect Committee Temporary Financial Assistance Instructions

The Reconnect TFA Application is used to apply for the Patriot Fund and the Michigan Wounded and Returning Warrior Program.

Instructions for Assistance:

To apply for Patriot Fund or Michigan Wounded and Returning Warrior Program Assistance, the veteran must complete the Reconnect TFA application and return it along with:

- Contact Information: (phone and email)
- A copy of their DD-214 showing an Honorable character of service.
- A copy of the actual bill(s) they are requesting assistance with.
- Documentation can be emailed to: gtanner364@gmail.com
or Faxed to: (586) 412-3050

NOTES: Be sure to indicate how the check(s) should be made payable to the party owed, as well as any memo line info such as address, or account numbers along with the correct mailing address for the party owed.

For auditing purposes, Temporary Financial Assistance checks are made payable to the party owed by the veteran, not to the veteran. Checks will be processed at our headquarters in Lansing and mailed directly to the party owed by the Veteran.

- **Legal Fees, Credit Card Debt and non-essential, (luxury items or services), are not eligible for the American Legion Department of Michigan Temporary Financial Assistance. (Unforeseen Emergent Needs Only)**

The American Legion National Headquarters also offers a National TFA grant through their Children and Youth Commission. The National TFA application can be processed at the veteran's request in place of the Reconnect TFA with the help of an American Legion State Service Officer if there are dependent children in the veteran's home whose quality of life would be improved by the National Children and Youth TFA grant.