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Empowering Heroes: VyStar Foundation Opens Annual Grant Applications for Military Support

JACKSONVILLE, FL. — VyStar Foundation is committed to honoring and supporting the brave individuals who have served our country. We are proud to open our annual Military Grant Cycle, which provides funding to nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the lives of active-duty military, veterans, and their families.

This year we are prioritizing programs that address critical challenges such as food and housing insecurity, employment opportunities, small business support and access to mental health services. By investing in these areas, we aim to create lasting, positive change for those who have given so much to our nation.

“At VyStar Foundation, we are dedicated to empowering those who have served our country by supporting initiatives that address their most pressing needs,” said VyStar Foundation President Patricia McElroy. “We aim to provide comprehensive support that truly makes a difference in the lives of our military members and veterans. Our commitment is to ensure that these heroes and their families receive the resources and services they deserve.”

The Foundation will award grants up to \$20,000 from eligible nonprofit organizations and will fund a total of \$200,000. The final number and amount will be determined by the Board of Directors based on the quality and impact of applications received.

To help organizations navigate the application process VyStar Foundation will host virtual grant information sessions on the following dates:

- Thursday, March 6 – 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 12 – 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 18 – 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Grant applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. (EST) on March 30, 2025. For additional information about eligibility and how to apply, view the [Notification of Funding Opportunity](#) or visit [Grants | VyStar Foundation](#).

VyStar Foundation is dedicated to doing good and leading by example through collaborative partnerships that support military members and veterans, youth, and overall community vitality in the areas served by VyStar Credit Union. VyStar Foundation supports nonprofit organizations across Georgia, North and Central Florida. In 2024, the Foundation distributed more than \$390,000 in grants to 22 local organizations, addressing the critical needs of youth and military families. These grants provided essential resources to those in need, reinforcing VyStar’s mission of building stronger communities.

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About VyStar Foundation

Established in 2021, VyStar Foundation is the grantmaking arm of VyStar Credit Union, dedicated to making meaningful impacts in the communities we serve. As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, the Foundation funds local non-profits to support youth, military members, veterans, and enhance community vitality. For more information, please visit [vystarfoundation.org](#).