

# Operation Red Sleigh Application

Operation Red Sleigh is a holiday giving program created by the Illinois AMVETS Service Foundation to assist in providing a holiday meal and gifts for Illinois families of veterans and active-duty service members.

Selected families will receive a gift card for a holiday meal, 1 gift per adult and up to 3 gifts per child.

\* Indicates required question

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## Eligibility

- Veteran or active-duty military service members residing in Illinois
- Honorably Discharged or currently Active-Duty
- Has not previously received a Red Sleigh gift
- No self-nominations; nominations cannot be submitted by a family member

## Selection Process

Applications must be received no later than November 8th. An AMVETS committee will evaluate the applications.

Families will be selected based on financial need.

If selected, the family will be notified no later than November 29th. Only those families selected will be notified in writing.

Gifts will be delivered to the families no later than December 20th. If a local AMVETS representative is nearby, they will be contacted to arrange delivery. If not, gifts will be mailed to the address listed on this application.

## Additional Details

- The family members listed on the application must reside with the veteran (at the same physical location).
- Gifts are provided for the veteran, his or her spouse/partner and children under the age of 18.
- Veterans residing in transitional housing must provide a specific address for gift delivery. Should the veteran transition to a different address/location, it is up to the veteran to contact us about address changes.
- Not transferrable

**1. Name \***

First and last name of veteran

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**2. Address - Please include street address, city, state and zip code \***

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**3. Phone number \***

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**4. Email address \***

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**5. Please have the veteran/nominated family check each box. \***

*Check all that apply.*

- I understand that my family has been nominated for Operation Red Sleigh.
- I have read the eligibility requirements, and I meet all those requirements.
- I understand there is no guarantee that my family will be selected for Operation Red Sleigh.
- I certify the above information is true and accurate.
- I acknowledge that, if selected, I will need to provide a copy of my DD214 or military ID.

**6. Please sign your full name below and date. Your typed signature is as valid as if you signed the document in writing. \***

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### Family Wish List

Please list 3-5 wish list items per person.

When requesting wish list items, please note that we will spend an average of \$50/person. Higher dollar items may not be feasible.

If requesting clothing or shoe items, please indicate gender and sizes.

**7. Veteran's Information \***

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**8. Spouse/Significant Other**

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**9. Children Under 18 - *Please list the child's first name before listing gift options.***

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### Nomination

This section needs to be completed by the person nominating the family. As a reminder, nominations must be submitted by a non-family member. Self-nominations will be disqualified.

10. **Name \***

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11. **Address - Please include street address, city, state and zip code, as well as your affiliation \***  
*(i.e. medical center, counselor, etc.)*

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12. **Email Address \***

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13. **Phone number \***

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14. **Why do you feel this family should be included in the Operation Red Sleigh program? Please provide a brief description of the family's current situation. \***

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## Final Review

Please review the information you have entered before hitting submit. You will not be able to edit your application after submitting.

**Electronic submission is highly encouraged.** If you must print this form and mail it in, it will need to be received (not postmarked) by November 8th.

Mailing address is:

Illinois AMVETS

attn: ORS

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