



“Caring for the Families of Fallen and Wounded Special Operations Forces.”

SPECIAL OPERATIONS WARRIOR FOUNDATION

History: Special Operations Warrior Foundation (SOWF) was founded in 1980 after the daring attempt to rescue 53 American hostages in Iran, which ended in the tragic loss of eight servicemen who left behind 17 children.

A battlefield promise to take care of those 17 children has become the noble mission of the Special Operations Warrior Foundation to educate over 1,200 children.

Mission: The Special Operations Warrior Foundation supports America’s Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps Special Operations personnel through two programs: (1) Ensuring full financial assistance for post-secondary education from an accredited two or four-year college, university, technical or trade school, as well as educational counseling, preschool grants, and tutoring to the surviving children of Special Operations personnel who lose their lives in the line-of-duty and, (2) Providing immediate financial grants to severely combat-wounded and hospitalized Special Operations personnel and their families.

Who We Are: Special Operations Warrior Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit located in Tampa, Florida with a staff of 16. SOWF was awarded its **12th consecutive 4-star rating** for its efficiency by Charity Navigator. Administrative overhead costs are currently **5.6%**

What makes SOWF different? We pro-actively reach out to every eligible family. They do not need to apply for our help.

How we raise funds: SOWF relies entirely on private donations to fulfill our mission. It’s our generous donors who provide the college tuition, tutoring and immediate financial assistance.



FACTS

To Date:

Since 1980, over \$62.8 million in direct scholarship grants, academic, financial aid, and family support to our families

1,069 special operations personnel fatalities since 1980

154 students **currently** enrolled in colleges and universities across the country

310 children completed their college education and graduated since 1980

749 surviving children to whom we have guaranteed a fully-funded college education

1,046 SOF service members severely wounded since 2006

Over \$2.8 million in immediate financial assistance and aid to severely wounded (hospitalized) special operations personnel.

In 2017:

Over \$2.8 million in direct scholarship grants, academic, financial aid, and family support to our families

48 special operations personnel fatalities

93 children were added to the SOWF program

187 children attended colleges and other post-secondary schools

19 children completed their college education and graduated

80 SOF service members severely wounded

\$400,000 in immediate financial assistance and aid to severely wounded (hospitalized) special operations personnel.

Website: www.specialops.org

