



“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 1,300 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 **13th 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

### Since 1980:

**\$62.8 million** has been provided in direct scholarship grants, educational funding and other support to the families of fallen.

**1,096** special operations personnel fatalities

**333** children of fallen completed their college education and graduated

**1332** children of fallen to whom we have guaranteed a fully-funded college education

### Since 2006:

**Over \$2.95 million** has been provided in immediate financial assistance and aid to severely wounded (hospitalized) special operations personnel.

**1,072** SOF service members severely wounded

### In 2017:

**Over \$2.8 million** has been provided in direct scholarship grants, educational funding and other support to the families of fallen.

**48** special operations personnel fatalities

**93** children were added to the SOWF program

**187** SOWF students attended colleges and other post-secondary schools

**19** students completed their college education and graduated

**80** SOF service members severely wounded

**\$400,000** was provided in immediate financial assistance to severely wounded (hospitalized) special operations personnel.

Website: [www.specialops.org](http://www.specialops.org)

