

WEDDING GRANT APPLICATION FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS

Applications are due by 1500 hours on 31 December 2018

Late applications will not be accepted.

Please submit:

electronic submission (written *and* video) to:
contact.ria@ausa.org

**Event staff will contact eligible applicants
after all applications have been received and reviewed.**

**Awards will be funded by the
Association of the United States Army,
Rock Island Arsenal Chapter 5102
and their sponsors.**

This application for Wedding Grant funds is not a guaranteed funding source.

AWARD PROCESS AND REVIEW CRITERIA

Applicants are required to submit a complete application and provide all required supporting documentation, including a video and written portion. Only one application will be accepted per couple. Both members of the couple must be legal U.S. residents over 18 years of age with a minimum of one member of the couple actively serving in the regular Army, National Guard or Army Reserve. Videos that meet all requirements will be uploaded to a website and/or a publicly accessible social media account; viewers will be able to demonstrate support for any couple's video via a voting process. Ballots may be cast between 2 January 2019 and midnight on 16 January 2019. Within technical limits, ballot counts will be updated live. Applications for the five couples receiving the most ballots will be reviewed by Wedding Committee judges, whose decision shall be final and unappealable. Three couples will be selected as finalists from this pool and contacted by the Wedding Committee judges for a final interview. These finalists agree to provide contact information for his/her direct Commander and two additional references. Finalists agree to fund a background check to be completed on both parties. The final grant recipients will be notified on 14 February 2019 by phone and email, and the Wedding Committee will, after confirmation of receipt of notification, announce the award through social media channels and local media.

Proceeds from donations received for this grant will be allocated as follows: 100% of proceeds will be utilized to cover any remaining wedding costs not covered by sponsors. Any remaining proceeds from donations will be placed in the chapter operation general fund.

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Contest Entity and Immediate Family Member Disqualification: The officers, directors, employees, contractors, and agents of the Association of the United States Army, Rock Island Arsenal Chapter 5102 and any entity involved in the sponsorship, development, production, implementation and distribution of any Contest as well as their respective parents, affiliates, divisions, subsidiaries and successor companies (the "Contest Entities"), and their immediate family members (and those living in the same household, whether or not related), are prohibited from participating in any Contest and do not qualify as Participants. "Immediate family members" shall include spouses, siblings, parents, children, grandparents, and grandchildren, whether as "in-laws", or by current or past marriage, remarriage, adoption, co-habitation or other familial extension.

Entries Are the Sole and Exclusive Property of AUSA: All Contest entries and related submissions become the sole and exclusive property of the Association of the United States Army, Rock Island Arsenal Chapter 5102 upon transmission. Contest entries will not be returned and may be used by any Contest Entity for any purpose whatsoever related to any Contest, without additional compensation to the participant or any other individual or entity.

Original Content; Ownership: Each Participant, by participating in the Contest, represents and warrants that they are the exclusive owner of the copyright and all other proprietary rights in any and all materials and content submitted by Participant to enter the Contest (the "Submission").

Participant further represents and warrants that they have the right to grant to any third party the right to use, reproduce, distribute, perform and display any Submission. All Submissions must have appropriate clearances, permissions and releases PRIOR to uploading or may be eliminated from any Contest. Any recordings or images used must not be subject to copyright claim by any third party. Any unauthorized samples or performances of a copyright holder's material could be subject to fines, royalty fees, and/or legal action for which Applicant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Association of the United States Army, Rock Island Arsenal Chapter 5102, which is not responsible for paying any internet or other music royalties on any Application.

Disclaimer of Responsibility for Entries: The Association of the United States Army, Rock Island Arsenal Chapter 5102 is not responsible for problems with Contest entries, including but not limited to, entries which are lost, late, misdirected, damaged, incomplete, illegible, or cannot be completed due to electronic or technical difficulties, even if the problem is the result of the sole or partial negligence of the Association of the United States Army, Rock Island Arsenal Chapter 5102.

Entries: Applicants must accurately complete all required fields (including, if applicable, following instructions on how to properly submit their audio file, upload a photograph, or upload a video) or the entry will be deemed incomplete and will not qualify.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, applicants:

1. Must (at least one applicant) reside within our Chapter Region (set out on the attached map).
2. At least one person in the couple must be a currently serving member of the United States Army, National Guard, or Reserves and submit proof of status with the application. Contact information for his/her respective Commander must be provided at time of application.
3. Both members of the couple must be current members of the Association of the United States Army, Rock Island Arsenal Chapter 5102.
4. Must provide a written submission no more than 500 words in length and a video no more than 3 minutes in length (uploaded to a private You Tube page) that answers the following three questions:
 - a. Why is service to country/the Army important in your life?
 - b. As members of the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA), how do you believe the mission, vision and values of AUSA support America's Total Army Family?
 - c. Why do you want to get married?
5. Both members of the couple must agree:
 - a. to hold any identification as a finalist in a confidential manner until the grant recipients are identified;
 - b. to fund a background check and provide two references if selected as a finalist;
 - c. to an interview process by the Wedding Committee judges either in person or by phone/video technology if selected as a finalist;
 - d. to work with AUSA representatives throughout the wedding process to tell the Army story and further education and understanding about the Army and AUSA missions;
 - e. to be married at 1600 hours on 25 May 2019 on the Rock Island Arsenal;
 - f. to attend the cocktail reception following the service at Quarters One and the Wedding Reception at Heritage Hall from 1800-1200 hours;
 - g. to the service member being married in dress uniform;

- h. to have one attendant only for each member of the couple (e.g., one maid of honor and a best man);
- i. to identify no more than 50 guests for the rehearsal dinner;
- j. to invite no more than 250 guests to the ceremony/cocktail hour/reception;
- k. to invite representatives and commander of the unit to which each soldier is attached;
- l. to employ the services of all on-site vendors and participating sponsors, and to agree to pay for all services in excess of those provided, if the couple elects to procure further services and if they are available;
- m. to agree to the use of their images or other recordings by the Association of the United States Army, Rock Island Arsenal Chapter 5102 for any purpose, including the balloting process;
- n. to provide guest list and RSVP information in a timely manner;
- o. to meet with each vendor/sponsor identified by a pre-determined schedule to coordinate final details of the event with the understanding that once decided details may not be altered due to the brief timeline;
- p. to the singing of the national anthem at the start of the ceremony and other military-related details that may be identified as important by the Wedding Committee judges;
- q. to a military-style wedding and wedding protocol (e.g., sabers and other Army traditions);
- r. to provide periodic reports to the Chapter's Board according to the attached checklist and to attend all vendor/sponsor meetings to select and secure necessary wedding items to include a wedding cake, dress, etc;
- s. to submit only one application on behalf of any couple;
- t. to timely secure a marriage license from the County Clerk for Rock Island County, Illinois;
- u. to defray all tax liability which may result from receipt of the grant; and,
- v. to be married by the attending Army chaplain or other provided officiate.

If the applicants do not agree to each of the listed conditions, the application will be rejected.

**FOR HELP OR ASSISTANCE WITH THE APPLICATION, CONTACT CHAPTER PRESIDENT,
JULIE JOHNSON AT CONTACT.RIA@AUSA.ORG.**

APPLICATION

Association of the United States Army, Rock Island Arsenal Chapter 5102
WEDDING GRANT

Applicant Names:	
Service member(s) status:	
Address (<i>City, State, Zip</i>):	
Contact Person Telephone:	
Contact Person E-mail:	

Certification: To the best of my knowledge and belief, all information in this application is true and correct, and the applicants will comply with all conditions applicable to this program.

Submit one electronic copy of the application. One copy of each of the following documents is required to be attached to the application:

- A. Military ID
- B. Marriage license (if not yet secured, this must be provided 30 days in advance of the ceremony)
- C. An affidavit from one applicant that all information provided is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant Signature of Applicant

Print Name Print Name

sponsors. I acknowledge and agree, and my fiancé(e) has indicated his or her acknowledgement and agreement to me, that, in the event we desire goods or services in excess of the amounts the on-site vendors and sponsors have agreed to provide, we will be liable for those costs.

7. I am (or, cross out one) My fiancé(e) is a resident of the Chapter 5102 region.

8. I agree, and my fiancé(e) has indicated his or her agreement to me, that the Association of the United States Army, Rock Island Arsenal Chapter 5102 and any and all sponsors and vendors associated with the Wedding Grant may use our likenesses, including photographic, video, and audio, for any reason whatsoever, including promoting their services and goods.

9. In the event my fiancé(e) and I are awarded ballot proceeds or the Wedding Grant but do not marry as specified in the terms and conditions, I agree, and my fiancé(e) has indicated his or her agreement to me, to forfeit any and all claims to any monies, goods, or services.

The affiant further sayeth naught.

By _____
Applicant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ day of _____, 2018.

(Notary Seal)

NOTARY PUBLIC

TOTAL GRANT REQUEST