

START MY AER ASSISTANCE PROCESS

AER Commanders Referral Program Under this program, Commanders and 1SGs can approve up to \$1000 for Basic Living Expenses. To learn more about Commanders Referrals, please click [here!](#)

AER Interest-Free Loans or Grants AER can help active duty soldiers and their dependents, ARNG and USAR soldiers on active duty, under Title 10, for more than 30 days and their dependents, retirees and their dependents, and surviving spouses and orphans of soldiers who died while on active duty or after they retired.

Necessary Documents

- [AER application form](#)
- Completed [financial planning worksheet](#)

Step 1: Complete the application. Active duty personnel must have the Commander or 1SG's review the completed application, and sign block #17 for AER assistance, and block #19 for Commanders Referral loan. In case of deployment, the rear detachment Commander signature is accepted with appointment orders. Please do not stamp--a signature is necessary. If you are a spouse and have a power of attorney, a commander's signature is not required. However, you must be geographically separated from your Soldier.

Step 2: Complete a financial planning worksheet.

Step 3: Documents needed:

- Original/copy of most recent Leave and Earning Statement (LES):
<https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>
- Spouse's most recent pay voucher (if applicable) and
- Leave/PCS orders
- Substantiating documents (car repair estimate, rental agreement, utility bill, etc.)