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Winter Wish PROJECT

WINTER WISH INFOSHEET 2026

WHAT IS WINTER WISH?

Minority Vets' Winter Wish project hopes to offset some financial strain of its members at end of year, providing up to $200.00 per veteran family, including shipping, on items.

HOW TO CREATE YOUR WISHLIST

Creating your Wishlist can be complicated. For our team to view the wishlist items, they have to be shared via a public view link. This video explains more, but you can utilize Amazon's FAQ to also assist.

NOTE: *Due to the high volume of applications, we cannot individually walk everyone through the process of making their wishlist. Please utilize the video and Amazon's FAQ and Help features if you become stuck before reaching out to staff.*

Because of odd shipping times with non-Amazon sellers, it is suggested that items added to wishlists include general household items, toys, or household goods that are not niche or from third-party sellers with long ship times. This suggestion is because we have had items not ship until February of the following year and have no control over those ship times.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Winter Wish Project is open to individuals who:

- served in the United States military
- are members of Minority Vets
- have been selected for Winter Wish less than two times in previous years

NOTE: *Winter Wish participants can only receive assistance up to two (2) times.*

NOT A MEMBER? SIGN UP HERE! THERE IS NO COST TO BEING A MEMBER OF MINORITY VETS.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

After you create your wishlist, you will be able to submit your application.
To help with your application, please keep the following in mind:

- The limit is $200.00, including taxes and shipping
- Items will not likely arrive in time for the holidays if you use third-party sellers on Amazon
- Please provide your entire mailing address, including city, state, and zip code.

NOTE: *MVA reserves the right to substitute or decline any item at its discretion. Items should be appropriate for a family setting, since gifts may be visible to or used by children in the household; this isn't a judgment of the applicant—it's a program-wide standard applied to everyone equally.*

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SUGGESTED WISHLIST ITEMS

Household and family items you may want to consider for your wishlist include the following:

- Kitchenware, e.g., pots and pans, microwave, coffee maker
- Clothing, e.g., jackets, hats
- Books
- Hygiene, beauty, and self-care items
- Cleaning supplies and household staples
- Toys and art supplies

NOTE ABOUT SHIPPING

Please ensure your items are not from third-party sellers and check estimated shipping times. Items slated to arrive after the end of year may not be purchased or may be subsituted to a similar item. MVA is not responsible for items after they have shipped.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Alcohol & Controlled Substances

- Alcohol, alcohol-adjacent items (kegerators, cocktail-making kits)
- Tobacco/vaping products, and any cannabis-related items (even where legal)

Weapons & Related Items

- Firearms, ammunition, knives (beyond standard kitchen use), replica/toy weapons, and weapon accessories

Offensive or Inappropriate Content

- Items featuring vulgar language, sexually explicit or suggestive imagery, graphic violence, or offensive/crude humor
- Items with messages, graphics, or slogans that are discriminatory, exclusionary, hateful, or demeaning toward any race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, veteran status, or other protected group
- Items referencing extremist symbols, hate groups, or political messaging intended to demean or exclude

High-Value

- Big-ticket electronics (TVs, gaming consoles, laptops, tablets) unless pre-approved
- Gift cards or cash-equivalent items

Items Outside Program Purpose

- Anything not shippable to a home address (services, event tickets, subscriptions with recurring billing you can't control)
- Items requiring installation, assembly, licensing, or ongoing costs (e.g., streaming subscriptions, software licenses)