

■ To Apply

After a declared natural disaster, NARFE members may request a grant application by:

- Contacting FEEA Headquarters by phone at 800-338-0755 (or 800-323-4140 after hours);
- Sending an e-mail message to rmartillaro@feea.org;
- Writing to the address below; or
- Downloading an application form from the NARFE Web site, www.narfe.org. (Click on Disaster Fund program.)

Documentation will be required to show loss or destruction of property, or how the applicant was injured as a result of a natural disaster. Grant checks are payable directly to the applicant or to a specific creditor.

All applications should be sent to:

NARFE-FEEA Disaster Fund
c/o FEEA
3333 S. Wadsworth Blvd.
Suite 300
Lakewood, CO 80227

Not a NARFE member?

Join NARFE today!

Go to **www.narfe.org** and click on “Join NARFE” or call **800-627-3394**.



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■ History

From 1989 to 1995, three major hurricanes—Hugo, Andrew and Opal—wreaked vast destruction in the United States, causing property damage totaling well over \$40 billion. NARFE members generously contributed money to assist other NARFE members whose homes and possessions were damaged or destroyed in the hurricanes' aftermath. Even though the Association did not have a formal structure to handle the donations, it facilitated their disbursement to those NARFE members in need.

The April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City brought another outpouring of some \$100,000 in donations from NARFE members. Because NARFE was not equipped to handle the distribution, the funds were donated to the Federal Employee Education & Assistance Fund (FEEA), created in 1986 to provide emergency grants and loans to federal employees affected by a natural disaster and scholarships for children of federal employees. In 1996, NARFE entered into a formal partnership with FEEA to create the NARFE-FEEA Disaster Fund, which is supported by tax-deductible donations from NARFE members and administered by FEEA. Since then, NARFE members have donated some \$375,000 in aid to NARFE members who were affected by Hurricane Katrina and other natural disasters.

NARFE became a member of FEEA's board of directors in 1997.

■ Eligibility Rule

NARFE disaster funds in the form of cash grants (up to a maximum of \$500 per household) are available to all NARFE members in good standing who have been injured, incurred property damage or have other needs during and after a declared natural disaster. Eligible damaged property must be a primary place of residence.

Note: Primary residence is a location where a member lives a minimum of six months during the year.



■ To Donate

NARFE's Disaster Fund is funded by tax-deductible donations from NARFE members and friends of NARFE.

To make a tax-deductible donation, checks *must* be made payable to **NARFE-FEEA Disaster Fund** in order to receive the tax deduction and mailed to: FEEA, 3333 S. Wadsworth Blvd, Suite 300, Lakewood, CO 80227. To donate by credit card, call 800-338-0755 or go to www.feea.org and click on the "Give Now" link at the top of the page. Then select "NARFE-FEEA Relief Fund" from the drop-down menu in the Gift Designation section.

A contribution to the NARFE-FEEA Disaster Fund may also be made as part of your estate plan. For information, call 303-933-7580 or write to FEEA at the address given above.

NARFE contributions are kept separate from FEEA's own emergency assistance funds and are disbursed as needed to NARFE members whose applications are approved.

For further information, contact FEEA at **303-933-7580**.