



ARMED SERVICES YMCA

2025 Operation Ride Home

Hawai'i Application Period:
September 2 to October 10



Armed Services YMCA, in partnership with Jack Daniel's, helps junior enlisted military families (E1-E5) travel home for the holidays by offering cost-covered (free) or funding toward round-trip flights for military members and their immediate family.

Armed Services YMCA and Jack Daniel's are committed to making this travel possible for those most in need.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Command Approval Form

Your leadership must complete this form as soon as possible. A signed approval form is required and must be submitted with your online application (link below).

Missing this step has been the #1 reason applications are disqualified in the past.



Scan QR code to
download fillable
PDF of Command
Approval Form.

Online Application

Find FAQs, program details, and the online application link on this page.

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Late applications will NOT be accepted — no exceptions.



Scan QR code and
scroll down to
ASYMCA Hawaii to
submit your online
application.

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE:

✈ Start preparing your answers early—especially the Q&A section. One key question asks: *Why would you like to be selected as a 2025 Operation Ride Home recipient?* Your response should be compelling, personal, and written as a full paragraph (5–7 sentences). Share your story, highlight your need, and explain how this opportunity would make a difference for you.

✈ **Important:** Do NOT submit the Command Approval Form separately or email it to us. It MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION to be considered valid.



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