



Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Form

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Student Name: _____ ID: _____

Phone Number: _____ Academic Year: _____

Under the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act, a Pell-eligible student whose parent or guardian died in the line of duty while performing as a public safety officer is eligible to receive a maximum Pell Grant for the award year. If you submit the required documentation and are determined by our office to be eligible for this award, you may also be considered for a maximum amount of other need-based financial aid.

Who should submit this form?

A Pell-eligible student whose parent or guardian died in the line of duty while performing as a public safety officer.

To qualify for this scholarship, a student must be Pell-eligible, have a Pell-eligible EFC, and be less than 24 years of age or enrolled at an institution of higher education at the time of his or her parent's or guardian's death.

Definitions

For purposes of the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship, a public safety officer is:

- As defined in section 1204 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796b); or
- A fire police officer, defined as an individual who is serving in accordance with State or local law as an officially recognized or designated member of a legally organized public safety agency and provides scene security or directs traffic in response to any fire drill, fire call, or other fire, rescue, or police emergency, or at a planned special event.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

1. **Complete a current year FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov**
2. **Provide** supporting documentation that includes circumstances of the death and the occupation of the parent or guardian. For example:
 - A determination letter acknowledging eligibility for certain federal benefits under the Public Safety Officers Benefit (PSOB) program administered by the Department of Justice;
 - A written letter of attestation or determination made by a state or local government official with supervisory or other relevant oversight authority of an individual who died in the line of duty while serving as a public safety officer as defined above;
 - Documentation of the student qualifying for a state tuition or other state benefit accorded to the children or other family members of a public safety officer consistent with the definition in 42 U.S.C. 3796b, or as a fire police officer as noted above.

REQUIRED SIGNATURE: I certify that the information I have provided on this form and on all documents is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____