



Special Rule for Federal Pell Grants
Formerly Iraq Afghanistan Service Grant and Children of Fallen Heroes Grant

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility Requirements:

This Special Rule for Federal Pell Grants replaces the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant (IASG) and Children of Fallen Heroes (CFH) Awards with new or modified eligibility criteria for students whose parent or guardian died in the line of duty while serving on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces on or after September 11, 2001 or actively serving as and performing the duties of a public safety officer and is less than 33 years old as of the first January 1 of the processing year. Eligible students will receive a maximum Pell Grant regardless of their Student Aid Index (SAI).

To qualify for this scholarship, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Student has not reached 33rd birthday as of the first January 1 of the aid year (January 1, 2024 for the 2024–25 year)
• Parent or guardian died in line of duty while:
• Serving on active duty as member of Armed Forces on or after September 11, 2001; or
• Actively serving as public safety officer

A public safety officer is defined as:

- As defined in section 1204 of the 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.

Student's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date of Parent/Guardian's Death: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Attach Proof of Eligibility

The Special Rule for Federal Pell Grants requires the institution's financial aid administrator (FAA) to determine and document, in collaboration with the student, that the student meets the above criteria.

CHECK AT LEAST ONE OF THE OPTIONS BELOW AND ATTACH APPLICABLE DOCUMENT(S) TO APPLICATION:

- [ ] A copy of the servicemember's DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty) which documents death in the line of duty;
[ ] A copy of the servicemember's DD Form 214 and death certificate, documenting that the date and cause of death occurred during and as a result of active duty;
[ ] A Department of Veterans Affairs Death Narrative Document;
[ ] 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;
or
[ ] Other documentation from a credible source that describes or reports the circumstances of the death and the occupation of the parent or guardian.
[ ] I submitted proof of eligibility in a prior year and remain eligible this year.

I certify that the above information and attached documents are true and correct, and that I qualify for this grant.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_