



## Parent Killed in Line of Duty Certification

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Beginning with the 2024-25 award year, students who meet the eligibility requirements for Pell Grants under the Special Rule in HEA Section 401(c) will receive Max Pall, regardless of their calculated SAI. To receive a Pell Grant under the Special Rule, a student must be:

1. The child or a parent or guardian who died in the line of duty while: (A) serving on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces on or after September 11, 2001; or (B) actively serving as and performing the duties of a public safety officer; and
2. Less than 33 years old as of January 1 prior to the award year for which the applicant is applying (e.g., for the 2024-25 award year, a student must be less than 33 years old as of January 1, 2024 to be eligible)

For purposes of eligibility, 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) [See page 2 of this form for definitions]; 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.

In subsequent award years, the student continues to be eligible if they continue to meet the eligibility criteria described above.

### COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

**To be eligible under the Special Rule for Pell Grants you will need to complete the following section and submit documentation verifying your eligibility.**

1. At time of death my parent or guardian served as (choose one):  
 active duty member of the Armed Forces     public safety officer [see 1(a)]

1(a): If public safety officer, please describe in what capacity they served as a public safety officer:

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2. My parent or guardian passed away on the following date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please attach documentation (see page 2 for more information about acceptable documentation)

***I certify that the above information and attached documents are true and correct, and that I meet the eligibility requirements under Special Rule for Pell Grants.***

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Documentation:**

While the Department of Education does not specify all of the acceptable documentation that may be used to determine eligibility, here are some documents that schools may consider:

- 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 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 below.
- 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.
- Other documentation from a credible source that describes or reports the circumstances of the death and the occupation of the parent or guardian.

## **AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1204 (9) OF TITLE I OF THE OMNIBUS CRIME CONTROL AND SAFE STREETS ACT OF 1968** **“Public safety officer” means—**

(A) an individual serving a public agency in an official capacity, with or without compensation, as a law enforcement officer, as a firefighter, or as a chaplain;

(B) an employee of the Federal Emergency Management Agency who is performing official duties of the Agency in an area, if those official duties—

- (i) are related to a major disaster or emergency that has been, or is later, declared to exist with respect to the area under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.); and
- (ii) are determined by the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be hazardous duties;

(C) an employee of a State, local, or tribal emergency management or civil defense agency who is performing official duties in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in an area, if those official duties—

- (i) are related to a major disaster or emergency that has been, or is later, declared to exist with respect to the area under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.); and
- (ii) are determined by the head of the agency to be hazardous duties; or

(D) a member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew who, as authorized or licensed by law and by the applicable agency or entity, is engaging in rescue activity or in the provision of emergency medical services