



The Special Rule for Pell Grant Application

Formerly The Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant or Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Applications.

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Effective with the 2024-25 award year, as part of the FAFSA® Simplification Act, the **Special Rule** for Pell Grants replaces the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant (IASG) and the Children of Fallen Heroes (CFH) Scholarship with new or modified eligibility criteria for a student who is less than 33 years old as of the first of January of the FAFSA® award year and who indicate on the FAFSA that their parent or guardian died in the line of duty. Students will no longer be awarded the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants (IASG), or special grants for Children of Fallen Heroes. Rather than receiving one of these awards, approved students will receive a maximum Pell Grant award.

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.*

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

The **Special Rule** Act requires the institution's financial aid administrator (FAA) to determine and document, in collaboration with the student, the eligibility criteria. To qualify, the student must be:

1. Less than 33 years old as of January 1 prior to the year for which the applicant is applying (e.g., for the 2026–27 award year, a student must be less than 33 years old as of January 1, 2026, to be eligible)

Date of Birth: / / Was the student less than 33 years old as of 1/1/2026 ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. The child of a parent or guardian who 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 the child of a parent or guardian who died in the line of duty actively serving as and performing the duties of a public safety officer

Date of Parent/Guardian's Death: / /

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 documenting that the date and cause of death occurred during and as a result of active duty;
- ☐ A copy of 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 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.

Date: _____

Student signature: _____