

2021-2022
Academic Year

Children of Fallen Heroes Grant



Student's Name _____ Student ID: _____

Eligibility Requirements

Under this scholarship, beginning with the 2020-2021 award year, 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 (up to \$6,345 for the 2020-21 award year) for which the determination of eligibility is made. To qualify for this grant, the student must be Pell-eligible 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. In subsequent award years, the student will continue to be eligible for the scholarship, as long as the student has a Pell-eligible Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) and continues to be an eligible student.

For purposes of the Children of Fallen Heroes Grant, 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.

Student's Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Date of Parent/Guardian's Death: ____/____/____

Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

Enrolled in college at time of parent/guardian's death ____ Yes / ____ No

Mailing address: City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Attach Proof of Eligibility

The Children of Fallen Heroes Grant requires the institution's financial aid administrator (FAA) to determine and document, in collaboration with the student, that the student was 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.

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

____ 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: _____

**Return this form, along with supporting documentation, to the Office of Student Financial Aid: Fax: (239) 489-9336; By mail: Florida SouthWestern State College
Attn: Student Financial Aid, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33919**

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