



Student Financial Services

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2026-27 Line of Duty Death Pell Eligibility Form

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 January 1 of the FAFSA award year and meets one of the below criteria**. This form along with documentation is required to be eligible for the maximum Pell Grant award.

Section A – Student Information (Please print clearly)

Student Name:	Student ID #:
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Section B – Student Certification of Eligibility and Documentation Requirements

Please check **one** of the following below:

I had 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.

Documentation Required: Students should work with a County Veteran Services Office to get supporting documentation and submit along with this form.

Or

I had a parent or guardian who died in the line of duty while actively serving as and performing the duties of a public safety officer.

Documentation Required: For the definition of a public safety officer for purposes of the special rule for Pell Grants and examples of acceptable documentation, see next page of form. Please submit documentation along with this form.

Section C – Student Signature

By signing this worksheet, I certify the information reported is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Signature

Date

Note: Signatures cannot be typed or stamped. Must be signature.

If you have any questions, please go to uwm.edu/meetsfsc to make an appointment with a member of our Advising Staff.

Examples of Documentation/Definition for Public Safety Officer

For purposes of the Special Rule for Pell Grants, a public safety officer generally includes the following:

- Law enforcement officer, firefighter, or chaplain
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) employee
- Emergency management or civil defense agency employee
- Member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew
- Others defined in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968

Documentation:

- 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.