



## 2026–2027 Parent Killed in Line of Duty Form

### Student Information

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Last Name                                      First Name                                      MI                                      Student ID

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Telephone Number                                      E-Mail Address

You indicated on your 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that your parent or guardian died in the line of duty while (a) serving on active duty as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on or after September 11, 2001, or (b) actively serving as and performing the duties of a public safety officer.

**Your financial aid cannot be processed until this information is received.**

To qualify, you must meet the following criteria:

- Have a valid FAFSA on File with UND indicating that your parent or guardian was killed in the line of duty and all requested documents listed have been submitted.
- Be the child of a parent or guardian who died in the line of duty while
  - Serving on active duty as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on or after September 11, 2001; **OR**
  - Actively serving as and performing the duties of a public safety officer
- Be less than 33 years old as of January 1 prior to the award year for which you are applying

**Instructions: 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 the time of death my parent or guardian served as (choose one):

- Active-duty member of the Armed Forces                                       Public safety officer

2. Please attach documentation. Please see page two for documentation requirements.

**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

*Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on the worksheet, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.*



## Acceptable Documentation

The Department of Defense is unable to provide confirmation that a service member was killed in the line of duty; therefore, students must self- identify and provide supporting documentation attesting the parent or guardian's date and cause of death occurred in the line of duty while servicing as an active-duty service member or public safety officer.

### Acceptable documentation for an active-duty service member:

- A death certificate **AND one of the following:**
- Service member's DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty) which documents death in the line of duty.
  - A signed and dated letter from a military commanding officer attesting the date and cause of death in the line of duty.
  - Service member's DD Form 214 documenting that the date and cause of death occurred during and as a result of active duty.
  - Department of Veterans Affairs Death Narrative Document.

### Acceptable documentation for a public safety officer:

- A death certificate **AND one of the following:**
- A signed and dated letter from the public safety entity attesting the date and cause of death occurred in the line of duty while serving as a public safety officer.
  - 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 another relevant oversight authority of an individual who died in the line of duty while serving as a public safety officer.
  - Documentation of the student qualifying for a state tuition or other state benefit accorded to the children or other family members of public safety officer consistent with definition in (42 U.S.C. 3796b), or as a fire police officer.

*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

### **\*\* If you identified this in error, please complete the following items:**

- Go to [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) and initiate a correction to update your FAFSA.
- Under Student Demographics update the answer to NO to the Parent Killed in Line of Duty question.

Progress bar: 1 Personal Circumstances (checked), 2 Demographics, 3 Financials, 4 Colleges, 5 Signature

### Parent Killed in Line of Duty

Was the student's parent or guardian killed in the line of duty while either (1) serving on active duty as a member of the U.S. armed forces on or after the events of 9/11, or (2) performing official duties as a public safety officer?

*Public safety officers include law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency service workers.*

Yes  No