

Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Form (2025–26)

Warning: According to the U.S. Department of Education, if you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be subject to a fine of up to \$20,000, imprisonment for up to five years, or both.

Student Information (Please Print)

Last Name: First Name:

Middle Initial: Student ID Number:

Student Email Address:

Street Address
(Include Apartment Number):

City: State: Zip Code:

Phone Number (Include Area Code):

Under the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act, 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.

Who should submit this form?

A Pell-eligible student whose parent or guardian died in the line of duty while performing as a public safety officer. To qualify for this scholarship, a student must be Pell-eligible and have a Pell-eligible SAI for the award year 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.

Definitions

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 firefighter or 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.

A “public safety officer” means:

1. 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;
2. an employee of the Federal Emergency Management Agency who is performing official duties of the Agency in an area, if those official duties:
3. 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
4. are determined by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be hazardous duties;
5. 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:
6. 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

7. are determined by the head of the agency to be hazardous duties; or
8. 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.

Required Documentation

1. 2025–2026 Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA)
– Have the results of your FAFSA sent to Central Piedmont Community College – School Code: 002915.
2. ATTACH Birth certificate of child applying for scholarship and supporting documentation that includes circumstances of the death and the occupation of the parent or guardian. For example:
 - o A determination letter acknowledging eligibility for certain federal benefits under the Public Safety Officers Benefit (PSOB) program administered by the Department of Justice;
 - o 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;

- o 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;
- o Line of Duty Investigation Report;
- o Other documentation from a credible source that describes or reports the circumstances of the death and occupation of the parent or guardian (i.e., death certificate and obituary).

Certification and Signature

Please provide your signature. If you are a dependent student, please also provide one parent's signature whose information is listed on your FAFSA. By providing signature(s), you are certifying that all of the information on this form is complete and correct. You are also authorizing Central Piedmont Community College to make corrections to your original and/or subsequent applications based on the documents you are now submitting.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature (Dependent Students Only): _____

Date: _____