

2026



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Parent Killed in Line of Duty 2025-2026

Student Name _____

Student ISU ID Number _____

You indicated on your 2025-2026 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. As a result, you may be eligible to receive a maximum Pell Grant for the award year based on full-time enrollment when reviewed for eligibility.

- If you identified this in error, check the box on the left, skip the other sections, sign, and submit this worksheet to the Financial Aid Office.

To qualify, a student must meet the following criteria:

1. 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
2. Be less than 33 years old as of the January 1 prior to the award year for which you are applying (e.g., for 2025-2026, you must be less than 33 years old as of January 1, 2025, to be eligible).

Acceptable document 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 activity duty.
- Department of Veteran Affairs Death Narrative Document.

Acceptable document for a public safety officer:

A death certificate **and** one of the following:

- 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.
- 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.
- Other documentation the school determines to be from a credible source that describes or reports the circumstances of the death and the eligible occupation of the parent or guardian.

A signature must be completed in black ink or with a stylus on an electronic device.

Student Physical Signature _____

Date _____

To submit this form and necessary documentation you may:

- Upload the completed original form at: [My.IllinoisState.edu](https://my.illinoisstate.edu)
- FAX to: **(309) 438-3755**
- mail to: **Financial Aid Office, Campus Box 2320, Normal, IL 61790-2320**

If you have questions, please contact us at (309) 438-2231 or FinancialAid@IllinoisState.edu.