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2024-2025 Parent Killed in Line of Duty

**Forms can be submitted by mail, fax (217/373-3807), or delivered in person.
 To ensure your privacy, DO NOT submit forms through email.**

Name

Student's ID Number

The FAFSA Simplification Act changes eligibility for what were formerly called Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants (IASG) and Children of Fallen Heroes (CFH) Awards as well as the resulting award amount.

On your 2024-2025 FAFSA, question 16, Parent Killed in Line of Duty, you responded with a "yes" to the following question:

Was the student's parent or guardian killed in the line of duty while:

1. Serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces on or after September 11, 2001, or
2. Performing official duties as a public safety officer generally including 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 of ambulance crew, or
 - Others as defined in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

To qualify you must be able to answer yes to the question above and be less than 33 years old as of January 1 prior to the award year for which you are applying (e.g., for 2024-2025, you must be less than 33 years old as of January 1, 2024, to be eligible).

Is your answer to the above question, correct?

_____ No, my situation does not fit the above question. I understand that the Financial Aid Office will correct this response on my FAFSA for me.

_____ Yes, my parent was killed in the line of duty. I will provide supporting documentation from the list below.

The Department of Defense is no longer able to provide confirmation that a service member died in the line of duty and there is no comprehensive database that exists, to identify public safety officers killed in the line of duty. Therefore, you are required to verify eligibility by providing supporting documentation to the Financial Aid Office.

Parkland College ensures equal educational opportunities are offered to all students regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, veteran/Vietnam veteran era, age, or religion, and is Section 504/ADA compliant. For additional information or accommodations call 217-351-2505.

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 because 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.

Signatures

I certify that all the information reported on this form is complete and correct.

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

Student Signature Date

Handwritten signatures are required. Electronic signatures will not be accepted.