

# Pell Grant Under Special Rule Worksheet 2026-2027



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Please allow at least 2 weeks for processing after all required documents have been submitted. Documents submitted between July 1, 2026 and August 31, 2026 may take longer to process.

Carefully read the instructions and provide the information asked. Please note, we may ask for additional information after the documents are reviewed.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's WIN \_\_\_\_\_

It was marked on your 2026-2027 FAFSA that you had a parent killed in the line of duty, which may make you eligible for Pell Grant under Special Rule.

Please mark each line below that applies to you.

- ☐ I am the child of 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
- ☐ Actively serving as and performing the duties of a public safety officer (see definition on second page of form)
- ☐ and, I was less than 33 years old as of January 1, 2026

You must also provide documentation to certify this information.

Documentation must confirm that your parent was killed in the line of duty. (see a list of documentation examples on second page of form)

## Certification and Signature

By signing this worksheet, you certify that all the information reported on it 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

(Signature cannot be typed)

### **Public Safety Officer Definition**

- Law enforcement officer
- Firefighter
- Member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) employee
- Emergency management or civil defense agency employee
- Chaplain
- Others defined in Section 1204 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968

### **Acceptable Documentation**

May include, but is not limited to:

- A copy of the servicemember's DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty) which documents death in the line of duty
- A copy of the servicemember's DD Form 214 and death certificate, documenting that the date and cause of death occurred during and as a result of active duty
- A copy of a Department of Veterans Affairs Death Narrative Document
- 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