

**2023-2024 / Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Application**\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Name (Print please)**\_\_\_\_\_  
**RU ID Number**\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Date of Birth**

The Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act amends Title IV (Student Assistance) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to eliminate the expected family contribution (EFC) used to determine financial need in the case of a Pell Grant-eligible student whose parent or guardian died in the line of duty as a police officer, firefighter, or other public safety officer. The student is eligible to receive an automatic zero EFC and qualify for the maximum Pell Grant award if the student was less than 24 years old or enrolled at an institution of higher education at the time of the parent or guardian's death.

The student will continue to be eligible for the scholarship in subsequent years as long as (a) the FAFSA shows Federal Pell Grant eligibility and the EFC is greater than \$0 – (b) the student is under the age of 24 and (c) enrolled at a higher education institution.

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 fire 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.

Definition: For the purposes of this scholarship: the eligible scholarship/award is in the form of Title IV Financial Aid eligibility as if the student's EFC is \$0. An eligible student will receive the maximum Federal Pell Grant according to enrollment status.

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Fallen Hero – Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student:  Biological Parent //  Legal Guardian //  Adopted or Step Parent –

Name of Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

At the time of my Parent/Guardian's Death, I was  under the age of 24 //  Enrolled in a higher education institution

Attach proof of eligibility:

- ♦ 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 greater authority for the parent/guardian 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 consistent with the definition in 42 U.S.C. 3796b –
- ♦ Other documentation from a credible source that describes or reports the circumstance of the death -

I submitted documentation in a prior year, and I am still Pell eligible according to my FAFSA for the current academic year, under the age of 24 and enrolled in a higher education institution –

**I certify that the above information and attached documents are true and correct, and that I qualify for this scholarship -**

PHYSICAL SIGNATURE – DO NOT TYPE/DO NOT USE ELECTRONIC

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Submit this form to the Office of Financial Aid Services in person (1M16 Wabash/Mezzanine Floor) or by email (to [fas@roosevelt.edu](mailto:fas@roosevelt.edu)) – Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday -