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CHILDREN OF FALLEN HEROES SCHOLARSHIP FORM

Student Name		Student ID#	
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Eligibility Information:

Upon the signing of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018, the Congress authorized the creation of the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship. Under this program, which is not a traditional scholarship, a Pell Grant eligible student whose parent or guardian died while in the line of duty while performing as a public safety officer or fire police officer is eligible to receive a maximum Pell Grant for the assigned award year.

To qualify under the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

- Must be Pell Grant eligible and have a Pell Grant eligible Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)
- 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

For the purposes of the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship, a public safety officer is:

- Defined in section 1204 of Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 ([42 USC 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.

Documentation Requirement:

The Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship requires the institution to document that each student has met the criteria established under the program, including documentation confirming the parent or guardian's service as a public safety officer or fire police officer. Acceptable documentation can include:

- A determination letter acknowledging eligibility for certain federal benefits under the Public Safe 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 or fire police officer as defined above;
- 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 or fire police officer consistent with the definition above;
- 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:

By signing below, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I qualify for the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship provisions. I also certify that I have provided, attached to this form, the required supporting documentation referenced above to confirm my parent or guardian died while in the line of duty while serving as a public safety officer or fire police officer.

Student's Signature

Date