



2022-2023
Scholarship Application
Children of Fallen Heroes

This scholarship is awarded to PELL-eligible students whose parent or guardian died in the line of duty while performing as a public safety officer. It was created on March 23, 2018 through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018. Qualifying students are eligible to receive a maximum Federal Pell Grant for the award year for which the determination of eligibility is made.

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

As defined in section 1204 of title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Sage 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 and 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.

Eligibility criteria:

- As determined by the FAFSA, must be PELL eligible and have a PELL eligible EFC (Expected Family Contribution).
- Must be less than 24 years of age or enrolled at an institution of higher education at the time of parent’s or guardian’s death.

Complete the Following

Student Name: _____ RMU ID: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Relationship: _____

Date of Parent/Guardian’s Death: _____ Enrolled in college at time of death (circle one)?: Y N

Proof of Eligibility

In order to qualify, proper documentation is required. Please read the following options, check all that apply, and attach appropriate documentation.

- 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 of 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 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 consistent with the definition in 42 U.S.C 3796b, or as a fire police officer as noted above; or
- Other documentation from a credible source that describes or reports the circumstances of the death and the occupation of the parent or guardian.
- I submitted proof of eligibility in a prior year and, to my knowledge, remain eligible this year.

I certify that the above information, and attached document(s), are true and accurate.

Student signature: _____ **Date:** _____