



2026–2027

Parent Killed in Line of Duty

Return to:

One-Stop Student Services
Memorial Union Room 302
2901 University Ave Stop 7155
Grand Forks, ND 58202-7155

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[Verification Document Upload Form](#)

Student Information

Last Name First Name MI Student ID
() -- @und.edu
Telephone Number E-Mail Address

You indicated on your 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that your parent or guardian died in the line of duty while (a) serving on active duty as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on or after September 11, 2001, or (b) actively serving as and performing the duties of a public safety officer.

Your financial aid cannot be processed until this information is received.

To qualify, you must meet the following criteria:

Have a valid FAFSA on File with UND indicating that your parent or guardian was killed in the line of duty and all requested documents listed have been submitted.

Be the child of a parent or guardian who died in the line of duty while

- Serving on active duty as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces on or after September 11, 2001; **OR**
- Actively serving as and performing the duties of a public safety officer

Be less than 33 years old as of January 1 prior to the award year for which you are applying

Instructions: To be eligible under the Special Rule for Pell Grants you will need to complete the following section and submit documentation verifying your eligibility.

1. At the time of death my parent or guardian served as (choose one):

Active duty member of the Armed Forces

Public safety officer

2. Please attach documentation. Please see page two for documentation requirements.

I certify that the above information and attached documents are true and correct, and that I meet the eligibility requirements under Special Rule for Pell Grants.

Student Signature

Date

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

Acceptable Documentation

The Department of Defense is unable to provide confirmation that a service member was killed in the line of duty; therefore, students must self- identify and provide supporting documentation attesting the parent or guardian's date and cause of death occurred in the line of duty while servicing as an active-duty service member or public safety officer.

Acceptable documentation 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 as a result of active duty.

Department of Veterans Affairs Death Narrative Document.

Acceptable documentation for a public safety officer:

A death certificate **AND one of the following:**

A signed and dated letter from the public safety entity attesting the date and cause of death occurred in the line of duty while serving as a public safety officer.

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 another 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 public safety officer consistent with definition in (42 U.S.C. 3796b), or as a fire police officer.

A public safety officer generally includes 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 or ambulance crew
- Others defined in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968

**** If you identified this in error, please complete the following items:**

- Go to www.studentaid.gov and initiate a correction to update your FAFSA.
- Under Student Demographics update the answer to NO to the Parent Killed in Line of Duty question.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA application progress bar with five steps: 1. Personal Circumstances, 2. Demographics, 3. Financials, 4. Colleges, and 5. Signature. Step 2, Demographics, is currently active. Below the progress bar is the question 'Parent Killed in Line of Duty' with the text: 'Was the student's parent or guardian killed in the line of duty while either (1) serving on active duty as a member of the U.S. armed forces on or after the events of 9/11, or (2) performing official duties as a public safety officer?'. A note below the question states: 'Public safety officers include law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency service workers.' At the bottom, there are two radio button options: 'Yes' (which is unselected) and 'No' (which is selected).