

# Hampshire College

## Children of Fallen Heroes Application Form

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last four digits of SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Year of Application: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Students who are eligible for the Federal Pell Grant whose parent or guardian died in the line of duty while performing as a public safety officer are eligible to apply for the Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship. Approved students will receive a maximum Federal Pell Grant for the award year for which the determination of eligibility is made.

### **Section 1. Information on Fallen Hero**

Name of Parent or guardian, who is being considered the Fallen Hero: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship:  Biological Parent  Legal Guardian  Adopted Parent/Step-Parent

Date of their death: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Public Facility Served: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Section 2. Public Safety Officer Position**

Please mark one of the statements below that pertains to the position your parent or guardian held:

- An individual serving a public agency in an official capacity, with or without compensation, as a law enforcement officer, as a firefighter, or as a chaplain.
- An employee of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) who is performing official duties of the agency, if those official duties are related to a major disaster or emergency that has been, or is later declared to exist with respect to the area under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; and are determined by FEMA to be hazardous duties;
- An employee of a state, local, or tribal emergency management or civil defense agency who is performing official duties in cooperation with FEMA, if those official duties are related to a major disaster or emergency that has been, or is later declared to exist with respect to the area under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; and are determined by the agency to be hazardous duties;
- A member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew who, as authorized or licensed by law and by the applicable agency or entity, is engaging in rescue activity or in the provision of emergency medical services;
- 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.

### **Section 3. Certification**

The information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that completing this form does not guarantee that financial aid will be increased.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Section 4. Required Documentation

The student must provide the following documents to the financial aid office via mail or fax (413) 559-5585.

1. Complete Children of Fallen Heroes Scholarship Application.
2. Copy of parent/guardian's death certificate.
3. Verification that parent/guardian died in the line of duty while serving as a public safety officer:
  - a. A determination letter acknowledging eligibility for certain federal benefits under the Public Safety Officers Benefit (PSOB) program administered by the Department of Justice;
  - b. 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 as defined above;
  - c. 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;
  - d. A completed Agency Certification Form (page 3) completed by a state or local government official with supervisory or other relevant oversight authority of the individual who died in the line of duty while serving as a public safety officer as defined above; or
  - e. Other documentation from a credible source, subject to school determination, that describes or reports the circumstances of the death and the occupation of the parent or guardian.
4. Legal guardianship documentation (if the fallen officer was a guardian and not a parent).
5. Adoption paperwork (if the student was legal adopted).
6. If parent or guardian died when student was older than 24, then provide a copy of unofficial transcript or grade report from institution of higher education showing that student was actively enrolled at the time of parent or guardian's death.

### Internal Use Only

Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Review Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved       Denied

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_