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What do I need to submit if asked for Documentation of Special Rule?

The FAFSA Simplification Act changed eligibility for what were formerly called “Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants (IASG)” and the “Children of Fallen Heroes (CFH) Scholarship”. To receive a Pell Grant based on eligibility under the Special Rule in HEA Section 401(c), a student must be:

- The child of a parent or guardian who died in the line of duty while either (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; and
- Less than 33 years old as of the January 1 prior to the award year for which the applicant is applying (e.g., for the 2026–27 award year, a student must be less than 33 years old as of January 1, 2026, to be eligible).

Acceptable documentation may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- A copy of the servicemember’s DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty) which documents death in the line of duty.
- A copy of the servicemember’s DD Form 214 and death certificate, documenting that the date and cause of death occurred during and as a result of active duty.
- A copy of a Department of Veterans Affairs Death Narrative Document
- 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 other 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 a public safety officer.
- Other documentation the school determines to be from a credible source that describes or reports the circumstances of the death and the eligible occupation of the parent or guardian.

Please reach out to the financial aid office if you have questions regarding your Special Rule documentation.