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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.*