

Office of Student Access and Completion

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Deceased or Disabled Public Safety Officer Grant

Who Can Apply?

Applicants for awards must be dependents of a **public safety officer** in the state of Oregon, as defined by ORS 237.610, who was killed or disabled in the line of duty. Eligible dependents include the child or stepchild of eligible public safety officers.

Eligible public safety officers include:

- ◆ **Firefighters**
- ◆ State **Fire Marshal**, chief deputy fire marshal and deputy state fire marshals
- ◆ **Police** chiefs and police officers
- ◆ **Sheriffs** and deputy sheriffs
- ◆ County adult **parole** and probation officers
- ◆ **Correction** officers
- ◆ **Investigators** of the criminal justice division of the Department of Justice

Applicants must be Oregon residents, enrolled or planning to enroll as full-time undergraduate students and determined by the Oregon Student Assistance Commission to have financial need.

The income of the disabled public safety officer is less than that earned by public safety officers performing duties comparable to those performed at the highest rank or grade attained by the disabled public safety officer.

How Can I Apply?

Complete the ***Application and Certification of Eligibility for the Deceased or Disabled Public Safety Officer Grant*** on page three (3) of this document. This is a fillable PDF document which you will not be able to save, so be sure to print it out before closing. After completing, printing out and signing the form, have the supervisor of the deceased or disabled public safety officer complete the certification section at the bottom.

You also must complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* need analysis form for the academic year for which you are applying as soon after January 1 as possible.



May the Recipient Attend College Outside Oregon?

No, recipients may not receive the grant to attend a college outside of Oregon. Recipients must attend 2- or 4-year, **public or private non-profit** colleges located in the state of Oregon.

Who Funds This Program?

The Deceased or Disabled Public Safety Officer Grant is funded through the Oregon Opportunity Grant Program (OOG), the state of Oregon's primary need-based grant program.

How Much Is the Grant?

By statute (ORS. 348.270) the amount of the annual grant at **public** 2- and 4-year colleges may not exceed the standard cost of tuition and fees levied by the institution they are attending. The amount of the annual grant at **private** four-year non-profit colleges may not exceed the cost of tuition and fees at the University of Oregon.

Is This Award Renewable?

Awards are made (assuming continued financial need) on an annual basis and may be received for a maximum equivalent to four academic years (e.g., up to twelve quarters or eight semesters), or until a baccalaureate degree is earned, whichever comes first. Dependents of deceased public safety officers may also receive a maximum equivalent to four academic years (e.g., up to twelve quarters or eight semesters) of post-graduate study.

When Should I Apply?

Applicants are encouraged to apply at the same time they file their FAFSA. You may contact the Office of Student Access and Completion for more information.

For More Information:

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