

Georgia Public Safety Memorial Grant

Program Information

The **Georgia Public Safety Memorial (GPSM)** Grant program provides non-repayable grants to eligible Georgia residents who are dependent children of Georgia Public Safety Officers (law enforcement officer, firefighter, EMT, paramedic, Highway Emergency Response Operator, or prison guard) who were permanently disabled or killed in the line of duty. The amount of the award covers the cost of attendance at any eligible Georgia public or private college or university or public technical college, minus any other financial aid received by the student but not to exceed \$18,000 per Academic Year. The student applicant must be the natural or adopted child of a public safety officer who meets the eligibility requirements of the Georgia Student Finance Authority and the Georgia Board of Public Safety on the date of the accident or event from which death or permanent disability resulted.

The GPSM Grant is payable during the normal academic year, and also during the summer term. Recipients are eligible for a maximum of 8 semesters or 12 quarters of attendance.

Additional Student Eligibility Requirements

1. Must be enrolled or accepted for admission in an eligible Georgia postsecondary institution, as noted above.
2. Must be a legal resident of Georgia, as defined by the Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA), for a minimum of 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the date of registration for the school term for which the grant is being sought.
3. Must be a U.S. citizen or classified as an eligible permanent resident alien.
4. Must not be receiving a scholarship or grant from or through any state agency other than Georgia.
5. Must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student each school term, carrying a minimum of 12 quarter or semester hours.
6. Must be in a matriculated status in an organized program leading to a degree, diploma, or certificate.
7. Must maintain satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the Title IV standards and practices of the institution.
8. Must not be obligated to pay a refund on a grant or scholarship obtained from or through GSFA.
9. Must not be in default on any student loan obtained from or through GSFA.

10. Must meet Selective Service requirements.
11. Must never have received a baccalaureate degree.

Application Process

1. Complete Part A of this application and forward it to the school you plan to attend. File your application as early as possible, but no later than the last day of registration.
2. The financial aid office at your institution will complete Part B and forward your application to GSFA.
3. You must provide information on the accident or event that resulted in the disability or death, if you have not already done so.
4. After collecting all necessary documentation, GSFA will review the case and make a final determination of eligibility.
5. An award/denial letter will be sent to you and a copy to the school you plan to attend.
6. If you decide to change schools after being awarded, you must submit another application through the financial aid office at the school you now plan to attend.
7. Renewal students must submit a new application each academic year. The documentation process is not repeated.

Selective Service Status Key 9

Code Status/Reason

1. I have registered with the Selective Service.
I have not registered with the Selective Service because...
2. I am female.
3. I am in the Armed Services on active duty.
(NOTE: Members of the Reserves and National Guard are not considered on active duty.)
4. I have not reached my 18th birthday.
5. I was born before 1960.
6. I am a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Marshall Islands, or a permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Palau).
7. I have not registered with the Selective Service for a reason not listed above.

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