

Application for a Waiver of Tuition and Fees for Dependents and Spouses of Deceased Public Safety Officers

Students seeking tuition/fee assistance as dependents or spouses of certain deceased public safety officers must complete and return this form. Assistance will be provided if a student meets eligibility criteria and the Kansas Legislature has made appropriations available for this purpose. *Please read the definitions on the reverse side of this form to help you determine whether you will be eligible.*

Name Student ID, if any

Street City State Zip Code

Educational Institution City

Enrollment Start Date: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date _____
Month/ Year Month/ Year

Name of Deceased Public Safety Officer Date of Death

Employer at Time of Death City

Cause of Death (attach certificate of death, news release or obituary)

NOTE: If the Deceased Public Safety Officer was an emergency medical services attendant, a copy of the certificate issued by the Emergency Medical Services Board is also required.

Your relationship to Deceased
 biological child adopted child stepchild other dependent child spouse

Affidavit

STATE OF _____)
) ss.:
 COUNTY OF _____)

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this _____ day of _____, 20____, before me the undersigned, a notary public in and for the county and state aforesaid, came _____ who is personally known to me to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument, and such person duly acknowledged the execution of the same.

Notary Public

My appointment expires: _____

**ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR A WAIVER OF TUITION AND FEES
FOR DEPENDENTS AND SPOUSES OF DECEASED PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS
AS PROVIDED FOR IN K.S.A. 75-4364**

WHAT BENEFITS ARE AVAILABLE?

K.S.A. 75-4364 provides an opportunity for dependents and spouses of certain public safety officers who died as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty to enroll in Kansas postsecondary educational institutions without payment of tuition or fees. **Enrollment without payment of tuition and fees** means that an eligible student will be allowed to enroll without payment of tuition or any mandatory fees required of all students at the time of enrollment. The student will be responsible for other charges associated with the student's academic program and living costs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Dependents and spouses of public safety officers are eligible. A **public safety officer** is defined by the statute to include law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical services attendants, which are further described below.

Law enforcement officers under this statute are persons who are vested by law with a duty to maintain public order or to make arrests or with a duty to maintain or assert custody or supervision over persons accused or convicted of crime.

Firefighters are persons employed by any city, county, township or other political subdivision of the state, assigned to the fire department thereof to fight fires and protect property and persons from fire, as well as volunteer members of a fire district, fire department or fire company.

Emergency medical services attendants are persons who hold a certificate issued by the Emergency Medical Services Board to act as any of the following: first responders, emergency medical technicians, emergency medical technicians-intermediate, emergency medical technicians-defibrillator, or mobile intensive care technicians. If the deceased public safety officer was an emergency medical services attendant, a copy of the certificate from the Emergency Medical Services Board is required.

A **dependent** is defined to include a birth child, adopted child or stepchild OR any child other than the foregoing who was actually dependent in whole or in part on a deceased public safety officer AND who is related to the public safety officer by marriage or consanguinity.

A **spouse** is the spouse of a deceased public safety officer who has not remarried.

NOTE: Students who can establish that they were dependents or spouses of deceased public safety officers, even if the deaths preceded the effective date of the legislation, are eligible. Acceptable forms of documentation include, among others, birth and death certificates, news reports and obituaries.

WHEN MAY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ENROLL?

Enrollment without charge of tuition or fees will be possible for eligible individuals beginning with the fall of 1996 enrollment period. Each eligible individual may qualify for tuition and fee waiver only for a total of ten (10) semesters of undergraduate instruction or the equivalent thereof.

WHERE MAY ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ENROLL?

Enrollment without charge of tuition or fees under this statute will be possible at **Kansas educational institutions**, which means public institutions including: technical schools and technical colleges, community colleges, Washburn University, and the state universities.