



EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



U.S. Department of Justice



The Federal Law Enforcement Dependents Assistance (FLEDA) Act was enacted in October 1996 to enhance the appeal of service in civilian federal law enforcement agencies by providing financial assistance for higher education to spouses and children of federal law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Congress and the President amended the Act in 1998 to provide educational assistance to spouses and children of police, fire, and emergency public safety officers killed in the line of duty, thus creating the Public Safety Officers' Educational Assistance (PSOEA) Program. The PSOEA Program also makes assistance available to eligible spouses and children of public safety officers permanently and totally disabled by catastrophic injuries sustained in the line of duty.

Background

By amending the FLEDA Act, Congress and the President extended educational assistance to include not only the families of federal law enforcement officers but all public safety officers. In so doing, they made an important statement about how vital our public safety officers are to our nation's safety.

The PSOEA Program recognizes that the benefits available to these families through the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, are often consumed by basic needs and are not sufficient to support the costs of higher education. For many families, however, access to higher education is instrumental in their ability to move forward in the aftermath of a line-of-duty tragedy.

PSOEA Program Benefits

The PSOEA Program provides an educational assistance allowance to eligible survivors of public safety officers whose deaths or permanent and total disabilities are the direct and proximate result of an injury sustained in the line of duty.

PSOEA benefits may be used to defray educational expenses, including tuition, room and board, books, supplies, and education-related fees. The amount of assistance is determined by the length of the term and whether the student attends school as a full-time, three-quarter-time, half-time, or less-than-half-time student.

Also, the amount of assistance is subject to change consistent with the current computation of the educational assistance allowance set forth in Title IV of the Higher Education Act, Section 3532 of Title 38, United States Code.

Assistance under the PSOEA Program is available to both public safety officers' spouses and children for 45 months of full-time education or training or for a proportional period of time for a part-time program.

PSOEA Program Effective Dates

Under the PSOEA Program, the families of federal, state, local and tribal police, fire, and emergency public safety officers are covered for line-of-duty deaths that occurred on or after January 1, 1978. The effective date for families of permanently and totally disabled federal law enforcement officers is October 3, 1996. Families of state and local police, fire, and emergency public safety officers are covered for line-of-duty permanent and totally disabling injuries that occurred on or after November 13, 1998. Families of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) personnel and state, local, and tribal emergency management and civil defense agency employees are covered for such injuries sustained on or after October 30, 2000.

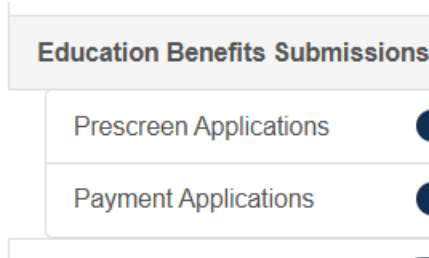
Eligibility for PSOEA Benefits

The PSOEA Program stipulates that PSOEA benefits are to be provided directly to students who attend a degree or certification program at an institution of higher learning and are the spouses or children of federal, police, fire, and emergency public safety officers whose deaths or permanent and total disabilities are covered by the PSOB Program (34 U.S.C. 10281 et seq.). While public safety officers' children are generally no longer eligible for assistance for classes attended after their 27th birthday, there is no age restriction as to when they can apply for assistance for those classes.

Required Documents

For more information about the PSOEA Program, and the documents required to submit a PSOEA claim, please visit www.psob.gov.

1. MyPSOB Page. Payment Applications.



2. Education Benefits Payment Applications page. Create Payment Application button.

Education Benefits Payment Applications

Notice to all Public Safety Officer' Education Assistance (PSOEA) Applicants:

The PSOB Office is excited to announce several updates to the PSOEA online portal. In addition to streamlining the application process, we've also made it easier for users to track review statuses and make edits to submitted applications.

Click the link next to the corresponding benefits submission below to continue an unsubmitted Payment Application, check the status or edit a submitted Payment Application, or to upload additional documents.

If you have questions about which application you should be completing or wish to speak to a Customer Resource Center Representative, call 1-888-744-6513 between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, or send a message to the PSOB Customer Resource Center using [Messages](#) in MyPSOB.

Unsubmitted Payment Applications

Create Payment Application

3. Student Records page.

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Student Record(s)

To begin your Education Payment Application, select a student from the grid below.

Please note, if your Prescreen Application or Payment Application are in review, no student will be displayed.

Student Name ↑	Applicant Name	Public Safety Officer's Name	Education Claim Number
Jones Jr., Jon	Jane Jones	Jones Sr., Jon	

4. Education Payment Application - Prescreen Review page

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Education Payment Application - Prescreen Review

Education Prescreen

OMB Form 1121-0220, Form Expiration Date: 01/31/2027

Please Review and Confirm

The following is a summary of the information you have entered on your Prescreen Application. Please review the information and if there are any necessary changes contact a Customer Resource Center Specialist, call 1-888-744-6513 between 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, or send a message to the PSOB Customer Resource Center using [Messages](#) in [MyPSOB](#).

In which capacity are you filing for education benefits?

Filing Type *

- ☒ Student
- ☐ Student's Parent
- ☐ Authorized Representative
- ☐ Other (please describe)

If "other" selected, describe your filing type:

Enter the Student Information

Student Prefix

5. Before beginning your Payment Application page

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Before beginning your Payment Application, collect all necessary information related to your school records. When you are ready to begin your Payment Application, click the "Begin Payment Application" button below.

If you have questions about your Payment Application, please contact the PSOB Customer Resource Center at 1-888-744-6513 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, or send a message using [Messages in MyPSOB](#).

[Begin Payment Application](#)

6. Add School or Term Information page

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Add School or Term Information

Use the grid below to add information about the educational terms for which you are seeking benefits.

[Add Term/School](#)

Year ↓	Term	Name of School	City	State/Country	Did you receive any assistance for this term?
There are no records to display.					

Add Educational Assistance

Please list all additional public and private educational assistance you received or will receive for the term(s) for which you are applying. Include assistance such as tuition waivers, grants, or scholarships from public and private sources. Do not list any loans.

[Add Assistance](#)

Year ↓	Term	Source/Organization/Institution Name	Amount Received
There are no records to display.			

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7. Student Loan Status Verification page

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Student Loan Status Verification

Section 32.35(a) of the PSOE A Regulations states that an individual who is in default on any student loan obtained through Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 will not receive PSOE A benefits unless those benefits are used for repayment of the defaulted loans and the student provides evidence of this in the form of an approved repayment plan. Please select only one from the following:

Student Loan Status Verification *

☐ I have not obtained any student loans (such as Stafford Loans) through Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

☐ I have obtained student loans (such as Stafford Loans) through Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 but am not in default on any of them.

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I am currently in default on loans (such as Stafford Loans) obtained through Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Assistance under the PSOE A Program is to be used for repayment of the defaulted loans and I am submitting an approved repayment plan with this form.

☐ I am currently in default on loans (such as Stafford Loans) obtained through Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. I do not have an approved repayment plan.

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8. APPLICATION PREVIEW page

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APPLICATION PREVIEW

Please Review and Confirm

The following is a summary of the information you have entered. Please review and make any necessary changes to this page before submitting your application.

Add School or Term Information

Use the grid below to add information about the educational terms for which you are seeking benefits.

[Add Term/School](#)

Year ↓	Term	Name of School	City	State/Country	Did you receive any assistance for this term?
2025	Fall	GWU	Washington	DC	No



Add Educational Assistance

Please list all additional public and private educational assistance you received or will receive for the term(s) for which you are applying. Include assistance such as tuition waivers, grants, or scholarships from public and private sources. Do not list any loans.

9. Required Documents page

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Required Documents

Based on your responses, a customized checklist has been generated. The following required documents must be provided for the application to be considered complete. If you have any questions, please contact the PSOB Customer Resource Center at 1-888-744-6513 between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, or send an email to [AskPSOB](#).

Upload	Document Type	Association	Date Requested ↓	Date Uploaded	Review Status	Instructions	Missing Document Justification
Click to Upload	Enrollment Verification		9/5/2025		Pending Review	Whether applying for a future term or terms you've already completed, include a statement from your educational institution on school letterhead indicating that you have attended the institution or will be attending in the future. The statement must include the dates of each term you attended (or will attend), and your status as a full-, three-quarter-, half-, or less-than-half-time undergraduate or graduate student.	▼
Click to Upload	Tuition Billing Statement		9/5/2025		Pending Review	Please provide a tuition invoice or billing statement from the educational institution that includes the dates and terms the student is being billed.	▼
Click to Upload	Transcripts/Grades or Class Schedule		9/5/2025		Pending Review	When requesting retroactive educational assistance for courses that have already been completed, please include copies of your transcripts, and indicate the terms for which you are seeking reimbursement. When requesting prospective educational assistance, please provide a copy of your finalized schedule of classes for the term, including the number of credits awarded for each course.	▼

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10. CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION/TERM page

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CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION/TERM

I certify that all information set forth above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I authorize the release of school records to the Department of Justice for the sole purpose of administering the PSOE A Program. I understand that I must provide the PSOB Office with a copy of my transcript each time I apply for benefits, and that failure to maintain satisfactory progress may result in a loss of additional assistance.

I certify that the PSOE A benefits being provided to me will only be used for educational or vocational purposes consistent with 34 U.S.C. § 10301 and 28 C.F.R. Part 32. I further certify that I am not in default on any student loans provided or guaranteed by the United States Government.

I know of no facts or circumstances that would render the person identified here as ineligible for the benefit. I understand that knowingly and willfully making a false or incomplete statement or failing to fully disclose pertinent information concerning this claim may be grounds for non-payment of benefits or for prosecution for a false statement under 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

☐ Checking this box asserts that all of the information you provided on this form is true and correct, and will be treated as an electronic signature by the applicant. *

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11. FINAL REVIEW FORM page

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Public Safety Officers' Education Benefits Application

FINAL REVIEW FORM

Education Application

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Please Review and Confirm

This final review form serves as the version of the application you are about to submit. If you wish to make edits, return to the editable preview screen to do so.

Add School or Term Information

Use the grid below to add information about the educational terms for which you are seeking benefits.

Year ↓	Term	Name of School	City	State/Country	Did you receive any assistance for this term?
2025	Fall	GWU	Washington	DC	No

Add Educational Assistance

Please list all additional public and private educational assistance you received or will receive for the term(s) for which you are applying. Include assistance such as tuition waivers, grants, or scholarships from public and private sources. Do not list any loans.

Year ↓	Term	Source/Organization/Institution Name	Amount Received
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There are no records to display.

Student Loan Status Verification

12. Educational Assistance (PSOEA) Payment Application Submission Acknowledgement page

Educational Assistance (PSOEA) Payment Application Submission Acknowledgement

Public Safety Officers' Educational Assistance (PSOEA) Payment Application Successfully Submitted

You have successfully submitted your Education Payment Application. An Education Specialist will now review the information provided.

If you have questions about your Payment Application, or any of the subsequent steps in filing for Education Benefits, please do not hesitate to call the PSOB Customer Resource Center at 1-888-744-6513 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, or send a message using [Messages](#) in [MyPSOB](#).

2024 Benefits

The amount of the PSOB benefit is \$437,503.00 for eligible deaths and disabilities occurring on or after October 1, 2023. The amount of the PSOB educational assistance benefit for one month of full-time assistance on or after October 1, 2023 is \$1,488.00.

