



EDUCATIONAL GRANTS FOR SURVIVING FAMILIES REQUIREMENTS

- Must be the spouse, son, or daughter of a sworn full-time certified law enforcement officer who was employed by a law enforcement agency within the geographical boundaries of Miami-Dade County, Florida at the onset of the illness, injury, or time of death. Law enforcement agencies include federal, state, and local.
- For the son or daughter of an officer, grants are provided up to the age of 26.
- The student must attend an accredited vocational/technical school, college, or university and have at least a 2.5 GPA.
- The student shall become and maintain throughout each school term the status of full-time or part-time student. Full-time attendance is considered four or more courses. If attendance is less than full-time, the amount of assistance will be pro-rated based on the number of registered classes.
- The student must initially complete the Application for Assistance – Non Line of Duty Survivors and submit to the POAT office along with all required documentation.
- The recipient is eligible for up to \$1000 in **out-of-pocket expenses only**. If the student is receiving grants or awards, only the balance remaining due to the educational institution will be considered for the grant. In addition, POAT will reimburse student for up to \$250 per semester in costs incurred for textbooks and other course-related supplies after submitting original receipts for these items.
- The Educational Committee will review and submit the application for approval to the Board of Directors at their next scheduled meeting. After a determination is made, the Committee will advise the student of its decision in writing.
- One grant for each semester will be awarded each year per student.
- Any and all grants shall be made directly to the educational institution or vendor whenever possible. If costs are being covered by a student loan, then POAT will submit payment to the loan provider.
- First time applicants are required to provide:
 - Completed application
 - Latest transcript
 - Course schedule
 - Statement of charges from the school
- To continue to receive grants for subsequent semesters, the student must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA and submit updated transcript, course schedule, and statement of charges from the school. Applications are only required for the initial request.