



FINANCIAL AID GUIDANCE MEMO

REFERENCE: **FA 20-003**
TOPIC: **OHIO SAFETY OFFICERS COLLEGE MEMORIAL FUND**
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RELEVANT STATUTE: **OHIO REVISED CODE, SECTION 3333.26**

Ohio Revised Code

The Ohio Revised Code for the Ohio Safety Officers College Memorial Fund (OSO) can be found at:
<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3333.26>.

This program provides undergraduate tuition assistance to the children and spouses of peace officers, fire fighters and certain other safety officers who are killed in the line-of-duty, anywhere in the United States. It also provides undergraduate tuition assistance to the children and spouses of a member of the armed services of the U.S., who has been killed in the line of duty during Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or a combat zone designated by the President of the United States. **The student is only eligible for this program if he/she is an Ohio resident and is not eligible for the Ohio War Orphans Scholarship.**

Award Amount

For the 2019-2020 academic year, the Fund will provide benefits which cover 100% instructional and student fee charges at public colleges and universities and \$7,942 per year at private (non-profit and for-profit) post-secondary institutions. As required in statute, the private award amount is derived from the prior year's average public award amount.

Influence of other Tuition Specific/Student Fees Aid

OSO funds are available to be used toward tuition and student fees. Student fees are defined as general fees, course fees, and special fees.

For students receiving any tuition/ student fees-specific aid, a simple calculation should be performed to determine final OSO eligibility. This other tuition/ fees-specific aid must be applied prior to the OSO award. Tuition/student fees minus tuition/student fees- specific aid equals OSO eligibility.

