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REFERENCE: **FA 17-007**
TOPIC: **OHIO SAFETY OFFICERS COLLEGE MEMORIAL FUND**
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RELEVANT STATUTE: **OHIO REVISED CODE, SECTION 3333.26**

This program provides 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 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 not eligible for the Ohio War Orphans Scholarship.**

For the 2016-2017 academic year, the Fund will provide benefits which cover 100% instructional and general fee charges at public colleges and universities and \$8,115 per year at private and proprietary post-secondary institutions. General fees are defined as those assessed universally to all students and those that **do not allow** for a waiver to be offered to any student(s).

Students must be Ohio residents and may receive tuition waivers for a maximum of 15 quarters or 10 semesters of full-time or part-time undergraduate study.

Institutions are sent a certification roster and certification of eligibility form for each term in the academic year which must be reviewed, completed, and returned to the Program Manager. Please keep in mind that schools must wait a **minimum** of 15 days after the start of the term before funds can be requested.

TO SUMMARIZE, FOR THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR, THE AMOUNT OF THE SAFETY OFFICERS COLLEGE MEMORIAL FUND IS:

PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES: 100% OF TUITION/GENERAL FEES

PRIVATE (NON-PROFIT OR FOR-PROFIT): \$8,115* (ANNUAL AWARD)

****\$4,057.50 per semester OR *\$2,705 per quarter***

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