

SIGNIFICANT OTHER DEFINITION

HUSBAND/WIFE:

- 1) A HUSBAND OR WIFE SURVIVOR SHALL BE DEFINED BY A LEGAL BINDING MARRIAGE LICENSE/CERTIFICATE, THAT CAN BE VERIFIED THROUGH THE COUNTY RECORDS DEPARTMENT, IN THE STATE IN WHICH THE COUPLE WERE MARRIED.

FIANCE:

- 1) A FIANCE SURVIVOR SHALL BE DEFINED AS THE FIANCE OF THE FALLEN OFFICER
- 2) FIANCE REFERES TO A ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INTENT TO MARRY. THE TERM "INTENT TO MARRY" MEANS THAT A PUBLIC OR FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE TO MARRY, A MARRIAGE DATE HAS BEEN SET, A RING HAS BEEN EXCHANGED, OR THE ENGAGEMENT CAN BE VERIFIED BY A CREDIBLE THIRD PERSON/PARTY, SUCH AS THE FALLEN OFFICERS DEPARTMENT.
- 3) INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO BE CONSIDERED A FIANCE OF A FALLEN OFFICER BUT THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT OFFICER FALLS OUTSIDE OF THIS DEFINITION, MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION WITH GIVE BLUE HOPE AND BE APPROVED FOR INCLUSION BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
- 4) IF THE FIANCE DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HE/SHE CAN APPEAL THIS DECISION WITH GIVEBLUEHOPE.ORG.

CHILD:

- 1) A CHILD SURVIVOR OF A FALLEN OFFICER IS REQUIRED TO MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA; IN ADDITION, SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MAY BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE CLAIM, FOR EXAMPLE, A BIRTH CERTIFICATE, A MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE, AN ADOPTION LETTER OR RECORD, AN ADOPTION DECREE OR A CUSTODY ORDER FROM THE STATE ADOPTION AGENCY STATING:
 - a. THE FALLEN OFFICER IS THE BIOLOGICAL PARENT OF THE CHILD.
 - b. THE OFFICER MARRIED THE CHILD'S BIOLOGICAL PARENT MAKING THE OFFICER THE STEPPARENT OF THE CHILD.
 - c. THE CHILD HAS BEEN LEGALLY ADOPTED BY THE OFFICER.

PARENTS:

- 1) A PARENT OF THE FALLEN OFFICER SHALL BE DEFINED:
 - a. BIRTHING PARENTS, VERIFIED THROUGH A THIRD PARTY SUCH AS THE FALLEN OFFICERS DEPARTMENT OR CERTIFIED STATE BIRTH CERTIFICATE
 - b. ADOPTED PARENTS, VERIFIED BY LEGAL DOCUMENTATION THROUGH THE STATE ADOPTION AGENCY.
 - c. LEGALLY VERIFIED GUARDIANS, VERIFIED THROUGH COURT DOCUMENTATION

SIBLINGS:

- 1) A SIBLING OF THE FALLEN OFFICER SHALL BE VERIFIED BY IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS OR THE FALLEN OFFICERS DEPARTMENT THEY WERE EMPLOYED WITH.

