

**§ 843.401**

With at least 20, but less than 30 years of creditable service—

Age of separated employee at birthday before death	Multiplier
36 .....	0.1489
37 .....	.1601
38 .....	.1714
39 .....	.1858
40 .....	.2001
41 .....	.2161
42 .....	.2328
43 .....	.2516
44 .....	.2709
45 .....	.2922
46 .....	.3159
47 .....	.3423
48 .....	.3695
49 .....	.4005
50 .....	.4332
51 .....	.4698
52 .....	.5090
53 .....	.5527
54 .....	.6005
55 .....	.6526
56 .....	.7098
57 .....	.7717
58 .....	.8407
59 .....	.9165

With at least 30 years of creditable service—

Age of separated employee at birthday before death	Multiplier by separated employee's year of birth		
	After 1966	From 1950 through 1966	Before 1950
46 .....	0.4110	0.4477	0.4872
47 .....	.4449	.4844	.5270
48 .....	.4805	.5231	.5691
49 .....	.5204	.5666	.6162
50 .....	.5630	.6130	.6667
51 .....	.6101	.6641	.7221
52 .....	.6609	.7194	.7822
53 .....	.7172	.7805	.8486
54 .....	.7787	.8472	.9209
55 .....	.8458	.9202	1.0000
56 .....	.9194	1.0000	1.0000

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**Subpart D—Child Annuities**

**§ 843.401 Purpose.**

This subpart explains the survivor benefits payable under FERS to children based on the deaths of employees and retirees.

**§ 843.402 Eligibility requirements.**

A surviving child of an employee or retiree who dies after completing 18 months of civilian service creditable under FERS is entitled to an annuity under this subpart.

**§ 843.403 Proof of parentage.**

(a) A judicial determination of parentage conclusively establishes the paternity of a child.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this section, a child born to the wife of a married person is presumed to be the child of the wife's husband. This presumption may be rebutted only by clear and convincing evidence that the husband is not the father of the child.

(c) When paternity is not established under paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, paternity is determined by a preponderance of the credible evidence as defined in § 1201.56(c)(2) of this title.

**§ 843.404 Proof of adoption.**

(a) An adopted child is—

(1) A child adopted by the employee or retiree before the death of the employee or retiree; or

(2) A child who lived with the employee or retiree and for whom a petition for adoption was filed by the employee or retiree and who is adopted by the current spouse of the employee or retiree after the death of the employee or retiree.

(b) The only acceptable evidence to prove status as an adopted child under paragraph (a)(1) of this section is a copy of the judicial decree of adoption.

(c) The only acceptable evidence to prove status as an adopted child under paragraph (a)(2) of this section is copies of—

(1) The petition for adoption (clearly showing the date filed); and

(2) The judicial decree of adoption.

**§ 843.405 Dependency.**

To be eligible for survivor annuity benefits, a child must have been dependent on the employee or retiree at the time of the employee's or retiree's death.

**§ 843.406 Proof of dependency.**

(a) A child is considered to have been dependent on the deceased employee or retiree if he or she is—

(1) A legitimate child; or

(2) An adopted child; or

(3) A stepchild or recognized natural child who lived with the employee or retiree in a regular parent-child relationship at the time of the employee's or retirees death; or