



Iowa Funeral Directors Association

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Iowa Funeral Directors Association Scholarship Program

Eligibility--to be considered for a scholarship, a student must:

1. Be a legal Iowa resident and intend to practice in Iowa upon graduation.
2. Have completed two years and have accumulated 60 credits at an accredited college or university.
3. Be admitted to, or enrolled in, a program in funeral service or mortuary science education accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education. Students in coordinated programs are only eligible for an award during a period of attendance at the American Board accredited institution.
4. Have at least one term or semester remaining in his/her program which will commence after the award date in order to be considered for an award.
5. Complete all forms required by the Iowa Funeral Directors Association and submit them by January 15, 2010. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application deadline:

January 15, 2010 for April consideration. Scholarship recipients are notified by the IFDA early in April.

Procedures and requirements:

1. For those applicants who have been out of high school for more than three years:
 - a. Complete and return the scholarship form to the IFDA. Forms may be obtained from each American Board school or by writing or calling the IFDA office:
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phone: 515-270-0130 or 800-982-6561; fax: 515-270-1569
 - b. Have transcripts of all college work attempted (at American Board or other colleges and universities) sent to the above address.
 - c. Have a letter of recommendation submitted to the above address from someone close enough to comment on the applicant's personal qualifications and professional promise.
 - d. Submit proof of legal Iowa residency. Acceptable forms of proof of legal Iowa residency are: drivers license and voter registration.
2. For applicants who have been out of high school for three years or less:
 - a. Follow steps a, b, c and d above.
 - b. Have transcripts of all high school work submitted to the IFDA office.

Factors taken into consideration in awarding scholarships include:

1. Academic performance
2. Extracurricular and/or community activities
3. Letters of recommendation submitted
4. Articulateness of the scholarship application and narrative answers



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A. Personal information:

Name: _____

Permanent address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Current address (if different): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

B. Employment Status:

Employer: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Immediate Supervisor: _____ Phone: _____

How long have you been employed here? _____

Previous Employer: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Immediate Supervisor: _____ Phone: _____

How long were you employed here? _____

C. Military Background: (if any)

Branch	Period of Service	Rank Obtained
_____	_____	_____

D. Educational Background:

High School	Years Attended	Year Graduated
_____	_____	_____

Colleges	Years Attended	Major	Year Graduated
_____	_____	_____	_____

E. Funeral Service Education:

ABFSE school you will attend or are attending: _____

If not already enrolled, have you applied for admission? _____

Have you been admitted? _____

Date your studies there commence or commenced: _____

Expected date of graduation _____ Diploma or Degree? _____

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F. School and Community Activities:

School Activities	Dates of Participation	Hrs. Per Week
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Civic/Religious Activities	Dates of Participation	Hrs. Per Week
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The balance of the application requires narrative answers designed to help the scholarship administrator know you and your plans. Please use separate sheets of paper for your answers.

G. Choosing Your Career: Describe the process you used and the experiences you underwent in your decision to enter the funeral service profession. Also, describe your plans for getting started after graduation.

H. Tell Us About Yourself: Write a brief essay telling the scholarship administrator enough to help them feel they know you (books of interest to you, experiences which had a significant impact on you, special people and why they are special to you, or any other things you care to tell them).

I. Other things which you feel the scholarship administrator should know (if any).

J. I certify that the above information is true and can be verified by proper documentation, if required:

Your Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mail completed scholarship application with the required academic transcripts, letter of recommendation and proof of residency to:

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