Eligibility Criteria

- The applicant must have been accepted by an accredited mortuary science school. The student must maintain an overall grade point average of not less than 2.5. A college transcript must be enclosed with the application.

- The applicant must be a legal resident of the State of Alabama. Submit two proofs of residency, such as a voter registration, driver’s license, tax returns, etc.

- The applicant must include a recent photograph with application.

- Applicant must be sponsored by a member of the AFDA. If the applicant is employed by a member of the AFDA, the employer must submit a letter, on company letterhead, to the Scholarship Committee stating why the applicant is being recommended for the scholarship award and their overall opinion of the applicant’s future in funeral service.

- Applicant must also obtain two other letters of recommendation from someone in their community other than family. If applicant is not employed by a funeral director, three letters of recommendation must be submitted, one of which must be from an AFDA member funeral firm. All letters of recommendation must be attached to application.

- The applicant must submit a five hundred-word essay on “A Career in Funeral Service”. Tell of the process you used in choosing the funeral service profession and why. The essay must be typewritten and double-spaced. Essays containing excessive spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors may be subjected to elimination from consideration.

- Application form must be typewritten.

- Application packet must be postmarked no later than 30 days prior to the AFDA Mid-Winter Meeting and the AFDA Annual Convention.

- Applicant must not have been the recipient of the AFDA Scholarship Award at any time previous to this application.

- Mail the completed application to the above address.