OFDA Scholarship Eligibility and Application

Each year, the Ohio Funeral Directors Association (OFDA) awards scholarships to students enrolled in mortuary school.

To qualify, applicants must be registered in a mortuary science program during the 2015-2016 academic year. Students are encouraged to practice as a licensed funeral director in Ohio.

Recipient of scholarship is selected by the OFDA Scholastic Assistance Committee, following review of application and a personal interview. Please review eligibility and application requirements:

- 1. Applicant must be attending a mortuary science program for the fall 2015 semester.
- 2. Scholarship is to help cover the costs of mortuary school; prepatory programs are not eligible.
- 3. Applicant must provide three (3) letters of recommendations one (1) must be from a licensed funeral service professional only one (1) can be from current Mortuary college staff (if applicable).
- 4. Applicants are **required** to participate in an in-person interview. All interviews will be held at the OFDA office in Columbus, OH.
- 5. A completed application must include: completed application, copy of official college transcripts, and three (3) letters of recommendations.

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JULY 31, 2015

Disclosure

Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Ohio Funeral Directors Association, Scholastic Assistance Committee. Awards are not based solely on applications. OFDA has the right to deny applicant an award if the scholarship standards are not met.

The Ohio Funeral Directors Association treats all scholarship applicants without regard to race, sex, age, color, national origin or ancestry, religion, political affiliation, veteran status, disability or handicap, affectional or sexual orientation, or marital status.

Section I – Personal Statistics

Full Legal Name	
Permanent Address:	
	Street/PO Box
	City, State, Zip
Phone Number	()
Current Address	
(If different than permanent)	Street/PO Box
	City, State, Zip
Phone Number	()
Email Address	
Are you a citizen of	the United States? Yes No
Have you served in t	he U.S. Armed Forces? Yes No
If yes, which	branch and for how many years:
Have you ever been	convicted of a felony? Yes No
If yes, please explain	

Section II – Scholastic Information

Please note that a copy of your most recent college transcript must accompany this application or must be sent directly to OFDA. If you are unable to obtain an official copy by the application deadline, send an unofficial copy with this application. You must, however, bring an official copy with you if you are invited to an interview with the Scholastic Assistance Committee.

College or University		
Name of School:	City:	State:
Dates Attended:	Degree:	GPA:
Name of School:	City:	State:
Dates Attended:	Degree:	GPA:
High School Attended:		
Name of School:	City:	State:
Dates Attended:	Degree:	GPA:
Name of School:	City:	State:
Dates Attended:	Degree:	GPA:
Extracurricular Activities:		
Honors and Awards:		
Community or Civic Activities:		

Section III – Financial Information

A significant factor considered in granting awards is financial need. The following information is considered confidential, and will reviewed only by Scholastic Assistance Committee members.

Please provide a <u>detailed</u> account of your financial situation, including anticipated monthly expenses/income while attending college; assistance that may be offered from other parties; outstanding financial burdens/hardships, etc. The more information you provide the committee, the better they						
understand your financial need. If you need additional space to answer this question, feel free to include an attachment along with the application.						

Section IV- Employment History

Please indicate your employment history below. Although it is only necessary to include information on the most recent four-year period, feel free to include any pertinent information including any personal experience you may have in the funeral service profession.

Non-Funeral Service	e Employment:		
Employer	Position	Salary	Dates of Employment
Funeral Service En	nployment (if applicable):		
Employer	Position	Salary	Dates of Employment
Indicate the average	number of hours you work pe	r week	
	nue working while attending r		
If yes, where, and at	-	noroway contege.	- 10
If married, does your	r spouse work? Yes	No N/A_	
If yes, where, and at	- 1		
If your spouse is not	presently employed, does he/s	-	you are enrolled in school?
List the name(s) of a	ny individual who is dependen	nt upon your earnings,	and indicate to what extent.

Section V – Professional Information

Please respond to each of the essay questions below. If you need additional space to answer a particular question, please include an attachment with this application. Response MUST be legible!

1.	What personal experience do you have in the funeral service profession?
2.	Why did you choose a career in funeral service?
3.	How have your friends and family responded to your interest in funeral service? Please explain.
4.	How does funeral service provide value?
5.	Where do you see funeral service in the future and what changes would you like to see made to the profession?
6.	How would you rate the funeral service professional in your community?

Section VI – Verification

To the best of my knowledge, the information presented on this application, and on the enclosed college transcript is accurate.

I hereby give the Scholastic Assistance Committee, staff, and the Board of Directors of the Ohio Funeral Directors Association, permission to use the material in this application, the attached college transcript and letters of recommendation, for the sole purpose of evaluating my qualifications and ability to compete for an award by the Ohio Funeral Directors Association.

Applicant's signature:		
Date:		
Date		

Please note: The following material must accompany this application for consideration of any scholastic assistance.

- Official college transcripts copy accepted
- Three (3) letters of recommendation one (1) must be from a licensed funeral service professional. Only one (1) can be from a current mortuary college staff person.

This completed application and above material must be returned to the OFDA office by July 31, 2015

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