

OHIO FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION
2011 APPLICATION FOR SCHOLASTIC ASSISTANCE

***Thank you for your interest in OFDA! In order to qualify for an award from the OFDA Scholastic Assistance Committee, this application (completed in full), an official transcript, and three letters of recommendation (one must be from a licensed funeral service professional) must be submitted to the OFDA office:
P.O. Box 21760, Columbus, OH 43221-0760 no later than July 7, 2011.***

The Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors of Ohio Licensure law, Section 4717.05 of the Ohio Revised Code, read as follows:

(A) Any person who desires to be licensed as an embalmer shall apply to the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors on a form provided by the Board. The applicant shall include with the application an initial license fee as set forth in Section 4717.07 of the Revised Code and evidence verified by oath and satisfactory to the Board that the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

(1) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age and of good moral character.

(2) If the applicant has pleaded guilty to, has been found by a judge or jury to be guilty of, or has had a judicial finding of eligibility for treatment in lieu of conviction entered against the applicant in this state for aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, felonious assault, kidnapping, rape, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, aggravated arson, aggravated robbery, or aggravated burglary, or has pleaded guilty to, or been found by a judge or jury to be guilty of, or has had a judicial finding of eligibility for treatment in lieu of conviction entered against the applicant in another jurisdiction for a substantially equivalent offense, ***at least five years has elapsed since the applicant was released from incarceration, probation, parole, or treatment in connection with the offense.***

(3) The applicant holds at least a bachelor's degree from a college or university authorized to confer degrees by the Ohio Board of Regents or the comparable legal agency of another state in which the college or university is located and submits an official transcript from that college or university with the application.

(4) The applicant has satisfactorily completed at least twelve months of instruction in a prescribed course in mortuary science as approved by the Board, and has presented to the Board a certificate showing successful completion of the course. The course of mortuary science college training may be completed either before or after the completion of the educational standard set forth in Division (A)(3) of this section.

(5) The applicant has registered with the Board prior to beginning an embalming apprenticeship.

(6) The applicant has satisfactorily completed at least one year of apprenticeship under an embalmer licensed in this state and has assisted that person in embalming at least twenty-five dead human bodies.

(7) The applicant, upon meeting the educational standards provided for in Division (A)(3) & (4) of this section and completing the apprenticeship required in Division (A)(6) of this section, has completed the examination for an embalmer's license required by the Board.

(B) Upon receiving satisfactory evidence verified by oath that the applicant meets all the requirements of Division (A) of this section, the Board shall issue the applicant an embalmer's license.

(C) Any person who desires to be licensed as a funeral director shall apply to the Board on a form provided by the Board. The application shall include an initial license fee as set forth in Section 4717.07 of the Revised Code and evidence verified by oath and satisfactory to the Board that the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in Division (D) of this section, the applicant has satisfactorily met all the requirements for an embalmer's license as described in Divisions (A)(1) to (4) of this section.

(2) The applicant has registered with the Board prior to beginning a funeral director apprenticeship.

(3) The applicant, following mortuary science college training described in Division (A)(4) of this section, has served a one-year apprenticeship under a licensed funeral director in this state and has assisted that person in directing at least twenty-five funerals.

(4) The applicant has satisfactorily completed the examination for a funeral director's license as required by the Board.

(D) In lieu of mortuary science college training required for a funeral director's license under Division (C)(1) of this section, the applicant may substitute a two-year apprenticeship under a licensed funeral director in this state assisting that person in directing at least fifty funerals.

(E) Upon receiving satisfactory evidence that the applicant meets all the requirements of Division (C) of this section, the Board shall issue the applicant a funeral director's license.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Section 4717.05 of the Ohio Revised Code, you may wish to contact the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors of Ohio for additional clarification. Their phone number is (614) 466-4252.

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.

High School

Name _____ City _____

Year of Graduation _____ GPA _____

Academic rank in graduating class _____ of _____

What honors or recognition did you receive? _____

What extra-curricular activities were you involved in? _____

College

Name _____ City _____

Year of Graduation (or number of credit hours earned, if you did not graduate) _____

GPA _____ Academic rank in graduating class _____

What honors or recognition did you receive? _____

Mortuary Science College

Which mortuary science college are you attending/ have you been accepted? _____

When did/does the academic year begin? _____

Why did you choose this particular college? _____

Section III - Personal Achievements

In what community activities (other than those listed for high school and college in Section II) have you been involved? Any volunteer work? _____

What honors or recognition have you received (other than those listed for high school and college in Section II)? Please list.

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.

| Employer | Position | Salary | Dates Employed |
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Indicate the average number of hours you work per week _____

Do you plan to continue working while attending mortuary college?

yes _____ no _____

If yes, where, and at what rate of pay? _____

If married, does your spouse work? yes _____ no _____

If yes, where, and at what rate of pay? _____

If your spouse is not presently employed, does he/she plan to work while you are enrolled in school?

yes _____ no _____

List the name(s) of any individual who is dependent 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 use an attachment to 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 offered by the Ohio Funeral Directors Association.

Applicant's signature _____

Date _____

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

- * official college transcripts**
- * three(3) letters of recommendations - one (1) must be from a licensed funeral service professional**

The Committee requires that all applicants contact the mortuary school of their choosing, prior to applying to OFDA for financial assistance.

This completed application and above material must be returned to the OFDA office by July 7, 2011.