



Selected Independent Funeral Homes Educational Trust Second Career Scholarship

Funeral service is a highly-regarded career where the utmost levels of service, care and business acumen are necessary at all times. While this career choice is traditionally filled by generations of family members who own and operate funeral homes, there are a growing number of second-career practitioners who desire to work in funeral service. In an effort to offer our support and encouragement of this trend, the Selected Educational Trust has established this unique scholarship program specifically for these individuals.

Eligibility Requirements

- Any individual currently enrolled full-time in a mortuary science program at an accredited school in North America who is not related to an owner of a funeral home currently in operation may apply.
- A comprehensive, professional application essay addressing all required information.
- Demonstration of previous full-time working experience in an unrelated field to show that funeral service will be a new career choice.
- Proof of current tuition, amount owed and a genuine need for this financial assistance.
- While not a requirement, applicant's current or future employment or involvement with an independently owned and operated funeral home is highly preferred.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation. One from a faculty member of the mortuary science program and the other from an owner of an independent funeral home or current or previous employer.
- An original signed letter or transcript from the school registrar verifying current full-time enrollment in the mortuary science program, courses and cumulative GPA.

Deadlines for completed application materials are July 1st and December 1st annually.

Up to four (4) \$1,500 Scholarships will be awarded annually, two in July and two in December. Only fully completed and signed applications will be considered by the Board of Trustees. All scholarship dollars will be paid directly to the applicant's school toward tuition and associated expenses of the applicant. A submitted application is not a guarantee of a scholarship award. Membership in Selected Independent Funeral Homes is not a requirement for consideration. Scholarships are awarded on an equal-opportunity basis among eligible applicants. The Educational Trust does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, orientation or disability.

The Selected Independent Funeral Homes Educational Trust was established in 1982 and funds programs and activities of importance and interest to members of Selected Independent Funeral Homes and all independently owned and operated funeral home professionals.

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Second Career Scholarship Application
Please print or type

Name of Individual (applying for Scholarship):

Address:

City, State, Postal Code:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Name & location of funeral firm where applicant is employed or involved with:

Point of contact at the above firm:

Phone:

Email:

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Please attach up to a two-page professional application essay providing the following information:

- *Which accredited school are you attending and when is your anticipated graduation date? Attach an original signed letter or transcript from the school registrar verifying current full-time enrollment in the program, courses and cumulative GPA.*
- *Include the costs of the program and specific details on what you owe and your financial need for the scholarship. Are you receiving any other financial assistance? If so, please fully explain.*
- *Are you currently employed or involved in any way with an independently owned and operated funeral home? Please share with us the full extent of that involvement and if you expect it to continue upon completing school.*
- *What specifically was your previous career? Tell us about your desire to work in independent funeral service as a new career choice. What led you to make this switch? What are your future aspirations within independent funeral service?*
- *Be sure to include at least two (2) letters of recommendation. One from a faculty member of the mortuary science program and the other from an owner of an independent funeral home or current or previous employer.*

Your signature below verifies that you meet all stated requirements, are eligible to apply and that all information provided by you in this matter is truthful. You also understand that the Second Career Scholarship is only awarded by majority approval by the Board of Trustees. Application for the scholarship does not constitute a right to receive it, and awarding of the scholarship in no way binds the Educational Trust or Selected Independent Funeral Homes to be responsible for any other assistance provisions.

Signature & Date

***Return to Second-Career Scholarship, c/o Selected Educational Trust,
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