



Selected Independent Funeral Homes Educational Trust

Second Career Scholarship Eligibility Requirements and Application

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 **is** 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.

Applicant Eligibility Requirements

- You must currently be enrolled and attending classes (in-person or online) on a full-time basis at an accredited Mortuary Science Program.
- You cannot be related in any manner to an owner of a funeral home currently operating in North America.
- You must be able to provide proof of the following:
 - You have previously worked full-time in at least one career other than funeral service ***and*** that funeral service will be a ***new*** career for you.
 - Tuition and fees owed and any financial assistance you have already or are currently receiving.
 - What mortuary sciences courses you have completed to date and what courses in which you are currently enrolled.
 - Your current Mortuary Science GPA.
- You must complete and sign the attached application and submit it with the additional information listed by the deadline identified.

Deadlines for completed application materials are May 30 and December 1

Return to Second-Career Scholarship, Selected Educational Trust
500 Lake Cook Road Suite 205, Deerfield, IL 60015 or by email to info@SelectedTrust.org
Items sent via regular mail must be postmarked no later than the deadline stated above.
Items emailed must be submitted no later than midnight of the deadline stated above.

Up to four (4) \$1,500 Scholarships will be awarded annually: two for the May (Spring) cycle and two for the December (Fall) cycle. 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 Selected Educational Trust does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, national origin, religion, gender, orientation or disability.

The Selected Independent Funeral Homes Educational Trust was established in 1982 to help fund 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
Program Deadlines: Spring Cycle - May 30 and Fall Cycle - December 1
Please print or type

(This form must be signed and dated and submitted with all required application documents listed below.)

Name of individual Applying for Scholarship:	
Street Address:	
City, State, Postal Code:	
Cell Phone:	Email:
Mortuary Science Program Attending:	Anticipated Date of Graduation: MM/YYYY
Name and location of independent funeral firm with whom you are employed or affiliated:	
Name of contact at the above firm:	

Completed applications must contain the following documents:

- A signed and dated application (this form).
- Official Transcripts from your current Mortuary Science Program **OR** a letter from your current Mortuary Science Program Director or Registrar which includes:
 - Verification you are enrolled full-time in an accredited Mortuary Science Program;
 - List of coursework completed and currently taking; and,
 - Your overall GPA for this program
- Current tuition and fees owed as well as any financial assistance received.
- A two-page essay which demonstrates the following:
 - Why you need or want this scholarship.
 - Your previous employment or career including the time frame.
 - Employment (current or historical) with an independently-owned funeral home. Please share to the fullest extent of that involvement and your expectations for future employment in this profession upon graduation.
 - Your previous career experience and during what time-frame.
 - Your desire to work in the independent funeral service profession as a new career choice and what led you to make this career change. Include your future aspirations within independent funeral service.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation:
 - One from a current member of the faculty of the mortuary science program at which the applicant is enrolled.
 - One from a current or previous employer (if the applicant is currently or has previously been employed by an independent funeral home, it is highly recommended that this second letter of recommendation be provided by that source).

Your signature below verifies that you meet all stated eligibility requirements and that all information provided truthful. You also understand that the Second-Career Scholarship is only awarded by majority approval of the Selected Educational Trust 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 Selected Educational Trust or Selected Independent Funeral Homes to be responsible for any other assistance provisions.

Applicant /signature

Date Signed

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