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## **Selected Educational Trust to Award Two Scholarships to Mortuary Science Students in Georgia**

LINCOLNSHIRE, IL — August 9, 2023 — The Selected Educational Trust is pleased to announce the Ralph S. Turner Memorial Scholarship Program, funded with a gift from A.S. Turner and Sons, Decatur, GA. This scholarship program will grant two \$1,500 awards to students graduating from mortuary science school in the state of Georgia this year. Applications are now being accepted for these scholarships, to be awarded this October.

“Funeral service is a calling, a rewarding one where we walk with a family every step of the way as they honor their loved one,” said Cy Hume of A.S. Turner and Sons. “But it also requires deep commitment and hard work. Mr. Turner knew this well and exemplified it every day. Which is why we have chosen to establish this scholarship in his honor—to help lift up those new to funeral service that have demonstrated their willingness to serve in duty of this honorable profession.”

“We are so deeply grateful to A.S. Turner and Sons for their generous gift, and honored to be able to offer these memorial scholarships in support of the next generation of funeral professionals,” said Stefanie Favia, Senior Director Development with the Selected Educational Trust.

The deadline to apply for these scholarships is September 15. For eligibility requirements and to apply for a scholarship, visit [www.selectedtrust.org/memorial-scholarships](http://www.selectedtrust.org/memorial-scholarships). For more information about the Selected Educational Trust, visit [www.selectedtrust.org](http://www.selectedtrust.org) or contact Stefanie Favia, Senior Director of Development, at [stefanie@selectedtrust.org](mailto:stefanie@selectedtrust.org).

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### **About the Selected Educational Trust**

The mission of the [Selected Educational Trust](http://www.selectedtrust.org) ([www.selectedtrust.org](http://www.selectedtrust.org)) is to provide the best educational opportunities for the advancement and support of all who work within the independent funeral service profession. To fulfill this mission, the Trust provides programs which offer scholarships to mortuary science students and funeral service professionals, education programs serving to bridge the gap between school and on-the-job training through its [Institute for Exceptional Funeral Service](http://www.funeral-institute.org) ([www.funeral-institute.org](http://www.funeral-institute.org)) and networking and employment opportunities through its *Workforce Development Centers*.