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To provide the best educational opportunities for the advancement and support of all who work within and for the independent funeral service profession.

The banner features the logo for Selected Independent Funeral Homes Educational Trust on the left, which includes a pyramid icon and the text "EST. 1982". The background is a dark blue gradient with a large white hand icon pointing towards the right.



Attend Selected's Annual Meeting in Louisville for Free with the Stuart Comer Memorial Scholarship

The Trust will once again offer the [Stuart Comer Memorial Scholarship](#) to the [Selected Annual Meeting](#). Stuart Comer was a Past Board Member of the association and valued Selected for its ability to unite the best and brightest to learn from each other and grow together. In that spirit, this scholarship will grant one award to an eligible member of Selected Independent Funeral Homes. The recipient will receive registration for one to the 2026 Annual Meeting to be held September 2 – 5; four nights lodging at the Omni Louisville Hotel, Louisville, KY; and a \$500 travel stipend. All applications must be submitted by June 30.

Apply Now



Apply Now: Second-Career Scholarships for Aspiring Funeral Service Professionals

Now is the time to apply for a Second-Career Scholarship! Are you or someone you know pursuing funeral service as a second career? These scholarships provide vital support to those transitioning into this meaningful profession. Two new Gunderson Funeral and Cremation Care Second-Career Scholarships and one [Michael R. St. Pierre Memorial Scholarship](#), each \$1,500, will be awarded in June—but don't wait! Applications are due by May 31. Invest in your future and apply today.

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Five Scholarship Recipients Unite in Chicago

Selected Independent Funeral Homes held its annual Leadership Conference in Chicago last month, and the Trust is proud to celebrate the five scholarship recipients in attendance, representing three classes of the Leadership Academy. Congratulations to Wade Overturf for presenting his capstone presentations entitled, "Riding the Wave of Change," and graduating from the Academy!

Interested in embarking on your own leadership journey with the Selected Leadership Academy? Watch the [Trust website](#) this fall to submit a scholarship application for the 2027-2029 class.



New Listings in the Employment Center: Your Next Funeral Service Job Starts Here!

Looking for your next opportunity in funeral service? The Trust's Employment Center connects job seekers with independent funeral homes across the country. Find openings from Selected member firms that value quality and professionalism. Plus, thanks to Global Atlantic Financial Group, it's completely FREE to access! Start your job search today.

Current Listings:

- Funeral Director Apprentice
- Director of Operations
- Licensed Funeral Director/Embalmer
- Funeral Director

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