



Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association 2017 Scholarship Program

The Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association has established a scholarship fund to provide scholarship awards to full-time students enrolled in accredited colleges of mortuary science. Scholarship amounts will be determined annually by the organization. The number of awards may vary each year. The selection of recipients is competitive and recipients must meet the established criteria. All awards are paid directly to the mortuary school to be applied toward tuition. Applications must be received by the committee by APRIL 12, 2017. Applicants submitting late or incomplete applications will be eliminated from the competition.

CRITERIA

To be eligible for an award:

1. Student who is enrolled in one of the last three quarters of mortuary school may apply.
2. Student must have completed at least one of the last three quarters as a full-time student in a program of Mortuary Science education or funeral service accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education.
3. Student must have demonstrated responsibility with a good attendance record and minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (B average).
4. Student must have demonstrated qualities of professionalism, which are needed for success in the funeral service industry.
5. Be a citizen of the United States.

PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

The applicant must submit:

1. Official college transcripts of all college credits with the college seal
2. Two letters of recommendation from
 - 1) An active member of the Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association (Not a committee member or relative)
 - 2) An instructor of the mortuary school where the student is enrolled or a mortuary employer or supervisor where the student is or has been employed. (Not a committee member)
3. A one-page typed essay, which expresses interest in funeral service and background information that may indicate future success in funeral service.
4. A recent photo.
5. A completed application form.
6. Be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee (if selected by the review committee)

Return the application package postmarked by April 12, 2017 to:

Attn: Shanna Jackson Sheats
Jackson-McWhorter Funeral Home
1253 West Broad St.

Athens, GA 30606

**GEORGIA FUNERAL SERVICE PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Current Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Citizenship Status: _____ US _____ Other _____ (Specify _____)

Marital Status: _____ Single _____ Married _____ Separated _____ Divorced

Dependents: Names and ages _____

II. PARENTS' INFORMATION (Complete only if you are declared a dependent on your parents' Federal Income Tax Form for the last year.)

Father's Name _____ Deceased? _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Father's Occupation: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Mother's Name _____ Deceased? _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

Name of Employer: _____

College Fees paid by parents:

III. Spouse's Information (if applicable)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Occupation: _____

Name of Employer: _____

IV. Education and Military Background

High School Years Attended Year Graduated

Colleges Years Attended Year Graduated

Degrees Received (include majors and years)

Military Background, Branch Period of Service, Highest Rank

V. Achievements and Awards/Community Activities (use separate page if needed)

VI. Employment Background

Job Held Employer Dates of Employment Hours per week

VII. Current Employment Status

Job Held Employer Dates of Employment Hours per week

VIII. Funeral Service Education

ABFSE School you are attending _____

Date your studies began there _____

Expected date of graduation _____

Degree _____

IX. Give a brief description of the funding of your funeral service education (i.e., financial aid, grants, loans, scholarships, etc.) Please provide your reasons for applying for this scholarship.

I understand that the information provided is being used in consideration for a scholarship award. I hereby certify that all information is accurate and can be verified by documentation. I have included the following:

- _____ Recent Photo
- _____ Official college transcripts of all college work completed
- _____ Two letters of recommendation from instructor or employer and an active member of the GFSPA (not committee members or relatives)
- _____ Completed application
- _____ Essay expressing interest and experience in funeral service

Signature _____ Date _____

Cell # _____ e-mail _____