



SDFDA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SUBMISSIONS DUE BY MARCH 13, 2026

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant must be over the age of 18 years old and a citizen of the United States or eligible for citizenship.
2. Applicant must be enrolled in an ABFSE Accredited Program.
3. Includes a letter of recommendation from a SDFDA Member/Firm.
4. Provide a copy of transcripts showing completion of a Mortuary Science Education Program with a GPA 3.0 or higher. <https://www.abfse.org/html/directory.html>
5. Provide official results of the National Board Exam through the International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards. <https://theconferenceonline.org/order-nbe-results/>
6. Applicant must work in a firm associated with the SDFDA for a minimum of 2 years following graduation.
7. Application must include an essay describing the applicant's strong commitment and genuine interest in a career in Funeral Service. The essay should also express their career goals career in funeral service including plans to achieve their goals.
8. Applicant must exhibit a financial need.

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Application Requirements

Are you over 18 years old? YES NO

Are you a citizen of the US? YES NO

Are you enrolled in an ABFSE Accredited Mortuary Science Program? YES NO

If yes, college of Mortuary Science: _____ Overall GPA: _____

Mortuary Science GPA: _____ *Attach copies of your transcripts to this application.*

Have passed completed the National Board Exam provided by The International Conference of Funeral Service Examining Boards? YES NO

Attach copies of the official NBE results. (Required)

(Request official results: <https://theconferenceonline.org/order-nbe-results/>)

Are you registered properly with the SD Board of Funeral Service? YES NO

Do you intend to serve your apprenticeship and work at a South Dakota Funeral Home with current membership in the SDFDA? YES NO



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How will tuition and/or living expenses be paid other than scholarship?

Attach each of the following documents with this application:

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- An essay describing the applicant's strong commitment and genuine interest in a career in Funeral Service. The essay should also express their career goals career in funeral service including plans to achieve their goals.
- Letter of recommendation from a SDFDA Member/Firm.

Certification and Agreement

I certify that the above information is true and can be verified by proper documentation. It is my intention to continue my mortuary science education and to enter the field of funeral service in the state of South Dakota at a SDFDA funeral home upon successful completion of professional education, examination and licensure, for the period required by the South Dakota Funeral Directors Association (minimum 2 years). I understand that if I receive a scholarship award from the SDFDA, I will be required to use it exclusively for tuition and books at the Mortuary Science School indicated in this application. I agree that if I fail to use said award as required, I will repay in full said award to the SDFA within 90 days of receipt. Furthermore, I agree that if I do not practice funeral service in South Dakota at a SDFDA funeral home for two years immediately following graduation and licensure, I will repay the full amount of said scholarship to the foundation.

I certify the foregoing statements to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____