

# MFDA Scholarship Application Process & Requirements

For more than 90 years, the Maine Funeral Directors Association has been a critical resource for funeral practitioners and their staff throughout the entire state of Maine. As the cornerstone of the professional community, MFDA provides a forum to share expertise and experience, develop the highest standards of ethical service, and create networking opportunities for service providers and all members of our profession. MFDA promotes continuing education for Maines Funeral Directors and supports individuals going into the profession with a yearly **\$2,000 scholarship**. We encourage all individuals studying for a career in funeral service to apply. Preference will be given to students seeking funeral service licensure in Maine.

## **Application process:**

1. Applications will **ONLY** be accepted **between July 1st and August 1st**. **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
2. Applications **MUST** be emailed to [MFDA Support Staff](#) **AND** [MFDA Scholarship Committee Chair](#). If the Applicant does not receive an acknowledgment, they should contact the [MFDA Support Staff](#) **AND** [MFDA Scholarship Committee Chair](#).
3. The **Scholarship Committee** will review the applications and make their selection based on the **Required Application Content** as described below.
4. The **MFDA Board of Directors** will give final approval to the award recipient at the fall Board meeting.
5. The MFDA Scholarship Awardee will be announced at the **MFDA Annual Meeting**.

## **Required Application Content (Keep each section to 300 words or less):**

- **Applicant's Contact Information:** Name, Address, Phone, Email, Current Place of Employment
- **Experience/Employment – Scoring: 5 Points**  
*What has been your experience in funeral service (if any), and how your prior work experience, in or out of funeral service, can contribute to your career as a funeral professional and to the Maine Funeral Directors Association?*
- **Education – Scoring: 5 Points**  
*Describe your educational experiences, your current education status and your latest grade point average.*
- **Desire to be In Funeral Service – Scoring: 5 Points**  
*A career in Funeral Service comes with a very high level of responsibility as families are entrusting in you to take care of their loved one that has died. It is very rewarding knowing that you get to help guide these families through what is one of the most difficult times in their life. The Funeral Profession is like no other profession, and it requires a strong desire to serve and have a long-lasting impact on the families. Describe why you have a desire to work in the Funeral Industry and become a Funeral Director?*
- **Community Involvement – Scoring: 5 Points**  
*One of the cornerstones of funeral service is the involvement with the communities they serve. Many of us in funeral service belong to fraternal groups, organizations, or clubs within their community. It is here that relationships are established, and trust is developed, ultimately helping with the funeral home's success. Please share your involvement and aspirations for community organizations and events. Please indicate what organizations you have participated in, are currently participating in, and any future memberships you aspire to join. Describe how you might see this involvement beneficial to the families you will serve and the firm's overall success to which you are employed.*
- **Recommendation/References – Scoring: 5 Points**  
*Applicants must submit at least one letter of recommendation and/or reference*
- **Bonus Question(s) – Scoring: 5 Points** *Why do you deserve this award? and Where do you see the future of funeral service?*