

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR ABFSE PROGRAM STUDENTS

The ABFSE is in the process of developing a database for scholarship opportunities for our students above and beyond what the ABFSE offers. We have reached out to all of the State Funeral Directors Association and the State Funeral Directors and Morticians Associations. We will be sharing that information with all of you once it is completed.

There are however, several scholarships that applications will be opening soon that we want you to know about now so you can share this information with your students.

AMERICAN BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The National Scholarship Program of the ABFSE awards scholarships that generally range from \$1500 to \$2500. Scholarship funds are generated by donations from allied funeral service companies who support the work of the ABFSE accredited programs. Application deadlines are March 1st and September 1st of each year. Applications can be accessed on the ABFSE website <https://www.abfse.org> under the scholarship tab at the top of the home page.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOUNDATION

Each year up to 27 scholarships are awarded to full and part-time funeral service students. The scholarships range from \$2,500 - \$5,000. At least one scholarship is reserved for a veteran. Applications are accepted each year from February 15 – April 1 and September 15 – November 1. Applications can be found by searching Funeral Service Foundation or <https://www.funeralservicefoundation.org/scholarship-opportunities/>

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF FUNERAL SERVICE EXAMINING BOARDS

Each year the ICFSEB awards 10 NBE Scholarships (a \$570) value to students who are preparing to take the National Board Exam. Five scholarships were awarded in the fall of 2021 and five more will be awarded in the spring of 2022. The next scholarship window will open in January / February 2022. The scholarship submission form must be submitted directly by the candidate to <https://theconferenceonline.org>

ORDER OF THE GOLDEN RULE: AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

OGR's Awards of Excellence Scholarship Program provides annual scholarships to mortuary students based on academic performance, funeral service experience and an essay describing the student's commitment to serving families with compassion, fairness and dignity.

Applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled in a mortuary science degree program.
- Be scheduled to graduate during [the scholarship period's] calendar year.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Be involved in the community and school activities.
- Demonstrate excellence in the pursuit of knowledge in mortuary science.
- Commit to working for an independently owned funeral home.
- Provide a [current year] transcript.

Please check the website to determine the portal opening to the scholarship period.

<https://www.ogr.org/charitable-foundation>

SERVICE CORPORATION INTERNATIONAL (SCI) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

As part of its vision to promote excellence in funeral service, the Service Corporation International Scholarship Program supports 50 outstanding mortuary science students annually with over \$80,000 in scholarship awards. The top 15 finalists are invited on an all-expense paid trip to the SCI Headquarters in Houston, TX to attend a two day networking event. During that event the finalists interview with the Scholarship Selection Committee, attend presentations, and visit the National Funeral Museum. To access an application visit the scholarship web site at <https://www.sci-corp.com/careers/scholarships>

SELECTED EDUCATIONAL TRUST SECOND-CAREER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Second-Career Scholarship Program was established to meet the educational needs of the increasing number of professionals entering funeral service as a second career or later in life. At least 4 scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each are awarded annually. Applications are accepted each spring and fall, with submission deadlines of May 31 and October 31, respectively. Scholarship recipients also garner networking opportunities with member firms of Selected Independent Funeral Homes, the premier association for independently-owned funeral homes. Submit an application and learn more at <https://www.selectedtrust.org/second-career-scholarship/> or email info@selectedtrust.org.

TRADITION OF CARING MORTUARY SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Newcomer Funeral Service Group is committed to excellence in funeral service education. To support the growth and development of future funeral directors, we annually award \$25,000 in scholarships to mortuary science students across the country. Scholarships are open to all students enrolled in a ABFSE accredited institution, or high school seniors who intend to enroll in a mortuary science course of study. Scholarship amounts of \$3,500 and \$500 are awarded annually each November and will be paid directly to the recipient's institution. Applications are accepted from June to October each year. For more specific information on dates or our scholarship program please visit, <https://www.newcomer.com/scholarship/>, or send an email to scholarship@newcomer.com.

Additionally, inquire of your individual state and local associations for scholarship awards which may be available to you.