

Mississippi Funeral Directors Association **FOUNDATION**



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
& WILLIS SWAIN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**



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College of Mortuary Science Four \$500 Foundation Scholarships Available

The Mississippi Funeral Directors Association Foundation awards four \$500 scholarships annually to qualified Mississippi students in Mortuary Sciences. The scholarships will recognize the understanding of and dedication to the philosophy and standards of funeral service of deserving mortuary science students.

Students may visit the MFDA website, www.mississippifuneraldirectors.com and click on the MFDA Foundation tab to find full application details. Applications may be sent to the MFDA office via fax, email or mail. All applications must be sent by December 15th.

Award winners will be invited to receive their scholarships at the MFDA's Membership Meeting during the MFDA Mid-Winter Seminar.

Willis Swain Scholarship Award

The Foundation will be giving out an additional scholarship annually in memory of MFDA long time member, Willis Swain, who passed away in 2017. Swain began working with W.E. Pegues Funeral Directors in 1956 where he began his long and storied career in funeral service. He graduated from John A. Gupton College of Mortuary Science in Nashville, TN. Swain served on several MFDA committees and as an MFDA District Governor for many years. He was also a member of the National Funeral Directors Association and was appointed in the mid 1980's to serve on the Mississippi State Board of Funeral Service. In 2006, Swain was recognized by the MFDA for his 50 years of service to our profession.

The **Willis Swain Scholarship Award** is offered to help further the education of those that wish to enter our profession and follow in the footsteps of great Funeral Directors, such as Mr. Swain.

CRITERIA

Before an applicant may be considered for this award, he/she must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a Mississippi resident currently attending and accredited mortuary science school
2. Submit a Nomination Form from one Mississippi licensed funeral director (other than a family member) who is a Voting Member of the MFDA in good standing
3. Complete and submit the application form along with the essay

ESSAY

Please discuss the five Essay Questions in one cohesive essay. The paper must be typewritten and 500 words or less. Please stay within the parameters of double-spaced, Times New Roman font, and 12 point font size.

1. Why have you chosen funeral services as your profession?
2. What do you hope to achieve and contribute to funeral service?
3. What do you foresee as the future of funeral service?
4. What role does the funeral director play in his/her community?
5. What are your intentions and goals as a Mississippi Funeral Director?

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- ❑ Completed Application Form
- ❑ Typewritten essay
- ❑ Completed Nomination Form

All materials must be submitted by
December 15 to be eligible for
consideration!

Mail: P.O. Box 22584

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APPLICATION FORM

Application form, the nomination form, and the written essay must be submitted via email, fax, or mailed postmarked to the MFDA office no later than December 15 to be eligible for consideration.

If sending by email, please put "MFDA Foundation Scholarship" in the subject line, and email to MFDA@TatmanGroup.com.



MFDA Foundation Application Form

Full Name: _____

College of Mortuary Science: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Overall GPA: _____ Mortuary Science Class GPA: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



NOMINATION FORM

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MFDA Foundation Application Form

Please use this Nomination Form to fulfill step 2 of the application process. If you know of a deserving student and would like to nominate him/her for this scholarship, please complete the form below and return it with your letter of recommendation to the student or send directly to the MFDA office by mail, fax, or email no later than December 15.

I nominate the following person for the MFDA Educational Scholarship Award:

Applicant: _____

College of Mortuary Science: _____

Applicant Address: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Nominator/Member Name: _____

Funeral Firm: _____

Business Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return this form to the MFDA office no later than December 15 to retain scholarship eligibility.



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