

VIRGINIA MORTICIANS' ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED



H. L. Minor & Daniel R. Brown Scholarship

2019 ~ 2020

Vision

To provide financial support to individuals pursuing a career in the profession of Funeral Service.

History and Purpose

The H. L. Minor & Daniel R. Brown Scholarship was established in 1977 in honor of two prominent funeral directors in the Commonwealth of Virginia, H. L. Minor of Richmond and Daniel R. Brown of Lawrenceville. The vision of these pioneers was to maintain a commitment to excellence in the funeral profession by assisting students in their education. This program will provide scholarships to qualified students who are pursuing a career in the funeral profession. The recipient must be currently enrolled in an accredited mortuary school with plans to be licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia. A formal recognition will be conducted at the Virginia Morticians' Association Annual State Convention. The selection will be based on the applicant's essay, letters of recommendation, the grades of funeral service classes, and the committee's evaluation. The decision of the Scholarship Committee will be forwarded to the Virginia Morticians' Association Board of Directors for final approval at the designated board meeting. The committee reserves the right not to recommend any, if there are no applicants or if the applicants do not meet the set forth criteria of the committee.

REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICANT

1. Be enrolled in an **accredited** Mortuary Science program that is accepted by the Virginia State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers. (Proof of enrollment required.)
2. Write an essay of 250 words on the following topics: (a) **How will I, as a Funeral Service Licensee enhance the funeral profession?** (b) **Why should the committee select me over my peers?** (Essay must address both questions.)
3. Recipients **must** be enrolled in an actual on site funeral service program. (Graduation anticipated in May or December 2020.)
4. Recipient(s) are only eligible for this scholarship once. Previous awardees are ineligible.
5. Recipient(s) must have a "C" or above average or a GPA of 2.5.
6. Be eligible to become a Funeral Service Intern as set forth by the rules and regulations of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers for the Commonwealth of Virginia.
7. Two letters of recommendation: (a) Active Virginia Morticians' Association Member and (b) Community Service Organization (school, church, local organization, civic group, etc.)
8. Provide copy of unofficial mortuary school transcript.
9. Scholarship Application **DEADLINE: January 10, 2020**. (Applications post marked after January 10, 2020 or missing documentations will not be considered.)
10. All applications received will become the property of the Virginia Morticians' Association, Inc.
11. Provide photo identification.
12. There will be a telephone interview conducted.
13. Mail complete package to:

Virginia Morticians' Association, Incorporated

Scholarship Committee

c/o Armeke Smith, Chairperson

3009 Chestnut Avenue

Newport News, Virginia 23607

Telephone: (757) 380-8871

NOTE:

1. Recipient (s) will be notified in writing in February.
2. Recipients (s) will be invited to the Annual Convention in June 2020 for recognition.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

Mailing Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone: () _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Education: High School and/or Equivalent:

Name of School	Address	Dates attended (graduation date)
_____	_____	_____

Current School of Funeral Service: _____ Status: 1st year _____

2nd year _____ Other _____ Address: _____

Do you qualify to be a Funeral Service Intern in the Commonwealth of Virginia as defined by the Virginia

Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers? Yes ___ No ___

Are you currently a Funeral Service Intern? Yes ___ No ___ **Are you working with a firm?** Yes ___ No ___

If yes, name and address of firm: _____

Additional Comments/Award: _____

CHECK LIST:

Application ___ Essay ___ (2) Reference Letters ___ Proof of Enrollment ___ Photo I.D. ___ Unofficial Transcript ___

I affirm the information provided on and in this package is true to the best of my knowledge. I further commit that, If I should discontinue my participation in the Funeral Service Program (the scholarship year), I will return this scholarship in its entirety.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____