



## Indiana Funeral Education Foundation

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### STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Deadline 4pm Friday, March 29, 2024

#### The Indiana Funeral Directors Association Awards 4 Scholarships

The **Indiana Funeral Education Foundation** is committed to excellence in funeral service education and awards **four student scholarships**. The Isaac Ball Scholarship is in honor of IFDA's first president and Terre Haute funeral director. **This scholarship looks to identify the deserving student who exemplifies the understanding of, and dedication to the philosophy and standards of funeral service who also intends to practice funeral service in Indiana.** This scholarship is for \$5,000.

The other two scholarships are the **Bo Hagemier Scholarship and the Renee' Parker Scholarship** and are in memory of their dedicated service to funeral service. These two scholarships are \$2,500 each. Bo Hagemier served four decades as IFDA legal counsel and was instrumental in authoring much of the Indiana funeral laws overseeing the profession today; Renee' Parker worked tirelessly on behalf of Indiana funeral service at IFDA for 21 years. **These two scholarships are awarded to qualified funeral service students who plan to complete their education and then serve the public in their chosen career in the State of Indiana.** The Isaac Ball Scholarship is funded by an endowment funded by Isaac Ball Fellow donors to the foundation and the other is funded by the foundation itself.

The **Frank Moore Scholarship** is provided by IFDA Executive Director Andy Clayton, through the Indiana Funeral Education Foundation. Actual selection is done by a committee of the Foundation. It is to assist a qualified non-traditional student with their funeral service education. **A "non-traditional" student is defined as one starting or returning to college after a break of at least 5 years from high school or another college and intending work in Indiana as a licensed funeral director.** This would include those entering funeral service as a second career, following military service, or starting their career after raising children. Evidence of need will be considered but is not a requirement for award. The scholarship is for \$2,500.

Selection is conducted by the Indiana Funeral Education Foundation Board of Directors

#### SELECTION CRITERIA

The applicant must

1. be attending an accredited funeral education program for at least one (1) semester/quarter or have graduated in 2023/2024
2. be a student/intern member of IFDA
3. submit a letter of recommendation from a practicing funeral director (non-family member)
4. submit a letter of recommendation from a member of the funeral service school or department faculty
5. submit a video as outlined below
6. show you intend to serve your internship in the state of Indiana
7. complete and submit the Scholarship Application form
8. Payment of the scholarship will be determined by the status of the student's account with the bursar

## VIDEO

Record a 3-minute maximum video with answers related to the following questions:

1. Why did you choose a career in funeral service?
2. Share three useful practitioner skill sets you believe are important for success in funeral service today and why?
3. Define what you believe to be the purpose of a funeral to be?

## APPLICATIONS

- Application(s) must be submitted by deadline – 4pm, Friday, March 29, 2024
- All requested materials must accompany application
- **Email completed application(s) to [connie@infda.org](mailto:connie@infda.org)**
- Do not submit additional material such as photos or resumes
- Materials submitted will not be returned
- Winners will be notified by email and mail
- Scholarships will be formally announced and awarded at the IFDA convention
  - Winners are expected to attend (mileage and hotel room will be provided by the Foundation)
- Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the school

## CHECK LIST FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP SUBMITTED

**(your application will be disqualified if missing ANY of the following pieces)**

- Student/Intern Member of IFDA - FREE (<http://www.infda.org/join-us>)
- Letter of Recommendation from practicing funeral director (non-family member)
- Letter of Recommendation from funeral service school or department faculty
- Video
- High School & College Transcript (transcript to date)
- Scholarship Application Form

**Remember – the deadline for submission is  
4pm, Friday, March 29, 2024!**

**Submission to: [connie@infda.org](mailto:connie@infda.org)**

## IFDA ANNUAL CONVENTION

May 20 – 23, 2024

Embassy Suites Conference Center - Noblesville

*\*Students/Interns may attend at no charge. Registration appreciated.*



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### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Students may apply for more than one scholarship | Deadline is March 29, 2024

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**  Isaac Ball Scholarship, \$5,000  Renee' Parker Scholarship, \$2,500  
 Bo Hagemier Scholarship, \$2,500  Frank Moore Scholarship, \$2,500 (*non-traditional student*)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

#### HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

High School/City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Year Graduated \_\_\_\_\_

#### FUNERAL SERVICE EDUCATION

College you are attending \_\_\_\_\_

Date your studies commenced \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

#### COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

Degree Received?  Yes  No Date degree(s) received \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Dates attended: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

#### MILITARY BACKGROUND (if any)

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Period of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Rank Obtained \_\_\_\_\_

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

Position	Employer	Dates of Employment
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

#### SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Activity	Dates of Participation
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I certify that the above information is true and can be verified by proper documentation, if required. It is my intention to continue my mortuary science education and to enter the field of funeral service in the state of Indiana upon successful completion of professional education, examination and licensure.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_