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Washington State Funeral Directors Association Bill Martin Scholarship Program

The **Washington State Funeral Directors Association (WSFDA) Bill Martin Scholarship Program**. Under the Program, one (1) scholarship will be awarded to an aspiring funeral director or embalmer who is currently enrolled in an accredited by the ABFSE mortuary science program. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the spring district meetings and honored at the annual Washington State Convention.

The Scholarship award includes:

- up to \$1000.00 paid towards school expenses, as well as include registration, lodging, meals for the recipient at annual State convention in August.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

* Seeking mortuary students at either the associate or bachelors level with a record of volunteerism in the community, and a desire to continue to their education and participation in the funeral profession through their involvement with the WSFDA.

* Scholarship funds will be paid **directly to the college**, not the student. The scholarship funds will be issued to the college or university upon receiving a certificate of enrollment for the fall semester, which includes the Student ID number and Financial Aid Office address.

* Applications must be received by the WSFDA no later than **April 1**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Email a completed and typed application package to: thewsfda@gmail.com

The applications will be reviewed and recipients selected by the WSFDA Scholarship Committee. The scholarships will be awarded **AT ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION** during the banquet dinner, a formal invitation will be sent and **scholarship winners should plan to attend**.

Applications may be downloaded from the Washington State Funeral Directors Association website at: <https://www.wsfda.org/>

Please submit any questions to: thewsfda@gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please **type** your answers. *Use an additional piece of paper if necessary*



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1.	Last Name:	First Name,	Middle Initial:
2.	Mailing Address Street: City: State: Zip:		
3.	Daytime telephone number: () Email address:		
4.	Date of birth: Month Day Year		
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale)		
6.	Name and location of Mortuary school:		
7.	A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities:		



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8.	List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities:
9.	List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:
10.	Favorite field of study:
11.	Number of years of residency in Washington State:
12.	Please list any other scholarships applied for and any awarded:
13.	On a separate paper, please write an essay (250 - 500 words) addressing the following: Please describe how you were drawn to the funeral service, and what do you think you bring to the profession that will make a difference in the families you serve in the future? Is there anything about the field that deters you and/or inspires you?
14.	One (1) letter of recommendation from a leader within the volunteer organization you serve or have served, OR an instructor who you have had in the last 24 months.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR APPLICANTS



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I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent, that if chosen as a scholarship winner, my picture may be taken and used to promote the Washington State Funeral Directors Association Bill Martin Scholarship Program. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances provided in writing.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Washington State Funeral Directors Association Bill Martin Scholarship policy, I will be to be present at the Annual State Convention to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to Washington State Funeral Directors Association Bill Martin Scholarship policy, it is my responsibility to submit to the WSFDA, no later than August 30th a certificate of enrollment for the current /upcoming fall semester, which includes the Student ID number and Financial Aid Office address.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Checklist:

- ___ Application
- ___ Essay on separate sheet of paper
- ___ One letter of recommendation

EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE TO THE WSFDA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AT:

thewsdfa@gmail.com

REMINDER:

Applications must be received by the Washington State Funeral Directors Association no later than April 1,

There will be no exceptions!