



Indiana Funeral Education Foundation

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STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Deadline 4pm Friday, March 27, 2026

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 2025/2026
2. be a student/intern member of IFDA (apply at www.infda.org, click on the membership tab and then join IFDA)
3. submit a letter of recommendation from a faculty member of the funeral service school attending or a practicing funeral director (non-family member)
4. submit a video as outlined below
5. provide transcripts from your high school and college (to date)
6. by checking the box on the application, you confirm your intent to complete your internship in the state of Indiana
7. complete and submit the Scholarship Application form
8. payment of the scholarship will be presented at the President's Awards Dinner, May 20, 2026

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 27, 2026
- All requested materials must accompany application
- Email completed application(s) to connie@infda.org
- Do not submit additional material such as photos or resumes
- Materials submitted will not be returned
- Winners will be notified in a timely manner (via phone and email) after the board meets in April to determine the winners
- Scholarships will be formally announced and awarded at the IFDA convention
 - Winners are expected to attend (mileage and hotel room at the Embassy Suites will be provided by the Foundation)
- Payment of the scholarship will be presented at the President's Awards Dinner, May 20, 2026

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) **OR**
Letter of Recommendation from funeral service school or department faculty
- Video (file or link to video)
- High School Transcript
- College Transcript (transcript to date)
- Scholarship Application Form

**Remember – the deadline for submission is
4pm, Friday, March 27, 2026!**

Submit all information to: connie@infda.org

IFDA ANNUAL CONVENTION

May 18 – 21, 2026

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 27, 2026

- 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 _____

I intend to serve my internship in the state of Indiana

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 _____