

OFDA Provides Scholarships for Aspiring Funeral Service Professionals

Each year, OFDA is fortunate to provide scholastic assistance to students pursuing a career in funeral service. In 2017, we received 14 completed applications, and our committee was greatly encouraged by the group of prospective funeral directors and embalmers. Your financial support permitted distribution of awards to five deserving recipients.

The OFDA Scholastic Assistance Committee (SAC) application will again be available online as of March 26, and the submission deadline is July 27. Students enrolled in a mortuary science program during the 2018-19 academic year are eligible (student must be registered for fall 2018 semester). The SAC will conduct a mandatory in-person interview for selected applicants in mid- to late August 2018 at the OFDA headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. Scholarship awards are paid during the students' final two terms.

We encourage you to share this information with anyone who may benefit from financial assistance while attending mortuary school. OFDA graciously accepts donations made "in memory of" included on your dues statement or anytime during the year. Make checks payable to the **Ohio Funeral Education Foundation** or submit the donation online. Your donation will



This year, OFDA and the Young Funeral Directors Committee is partnering with CCMS to offer a special scholarship to a CCMS student in memory of Rachael Anderson, who was brutally murdered January 29, 2018. With this loss, our industry and association has certainly lost a promising young professional.

If you would like to donate to this special scholarship, when you write the check to the **Ohio Funeral Education Foundation**, please indicate Rachael's name in the memo section. You can also donate at OFDAonline.org.

be supporting the next generation of funeral home professionals who represent our industry's future. Thank you for your consideration and your generosity.

UPCOMING ADVOCACY EVENTS

OFDA Legislative Reception • April 17, 2018

OFDA members are encouraged to attend the OFDA Legislative Reception to network with Ohio representatives at the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts, Davidson Lobby, on **Tuesday, April 17, from 5 to 7 p.m.**

Join the association and fellow OFDA members for hors d'oeuvres and the opportunity to make your voice in funeral service heard!

Look for additional information at OFDAonline.org!

NFDA Advocacy Summit • April 25-27, 2018

Join fellow funeral service professionals from across the country to advocate on legislative and regulatory issues that affect funeral service and small business. Members of the National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) will make their way to the nation's capital for the association's annual Advocacy Summit, **April 25-27**.

For additional information and to register online, visit NFDA.org.

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