



## **Joseph E. Hagan Memorial Scholarship** *for Students of Mortuary Science*

### **Eligibility Criteria & Scholarship Application**

The Joseph E. Hagan Memorial Scholarship, established in 2000 by the Board of Trustees of the Funeral Service Foundation, honors one of funeral service's finest directors. Joseph E. Hagan served countless families and his chosen profession with distinction for over 60 years. He arranged and directed many notable funeral services, including the funeral of John F. Kennedy, Supreme Court justices, senators, and diplomats through Joseph Gawler's Sons Funeral Home in Washington, D.C.

This dedicated, highly respected professional served as a National Funeral Directors Association district governor from 1982 to 1985, receiving NFDA's Special Recognition Award in 1991 and the President's Award in 1996. In 1998, Hagan was honored in a ceremony at the U.S. House of Representatives Cannon Office Building in Washington to celebrate 50 years in funeral service.

While he received many accolades throughout his life, Hagan never departed from his basic philosophy—that serving *every* family with the utmost consideration, kindness, and understanding is the paramount duty of a funeral director. This scholarship program for a deserving mortuary science student has been established in his honor and in the tradition of the principles he lived by.

#### **THE AWARD**

A \$1,000 Joseph E. Hagan Memorial Scholarship will be awarded annually to a selected student in a mortuary science program accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE). *Scholarships are not renewable and an individual may only receive this award once. Awards are sent directly to the recipient's school at the beginning of the fall term.*

#### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE**

- Any individual who is enrolled or has successfully applied for enrollment in a mortuary science program at an ABFSE accredited school may apply for the Joseph E. Hagan Memorial Scholarship by submitting a completed application package.
- Scholarship awards are restricted to ABFSE-approved schools.
- The applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student.
- Scholarships are not awarded for part-time study.
- Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, religious beliefs, age, sex, national origin, or disability.

## **APPLYING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP**

To be considered for this scholarship you must submit the following four parts of the complete application package. Submit two copies (required for review by the Scholarship Committee).

1. APPLICATION CHECKLIST Form attached.
2. APPLICATION. Complete and submit a 2007 scholarship application form.
3. ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION. Submit an official statement from the ABFSE-approved school verifying your enrollment and dates of enrollment, bearing the school seal or Registrar's signature. Faxes or email statements are not acceptable.
4. ESSAY. Submit an original 400-500 word typewritten essay answering the following: Briefly explain why you chose to enter the funeral service profession. Discuss in detail what you foresee as the greatest new opportunity for funeral service. (Must be double spaced and typed; *no more than 500 words*). You must sign and date the essay.

**All application packages must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2007.**

**All of the above requirements must be submitted in a presentation folder in the order given to:**

**FSF Scholarship Committee  
2007 Joseph E. Hagan Memorial Scholarship  
13625 Bishop's Drive  
Brookfield, WI 53005**

## **FSF JOSEPH E. HAGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

- This scholarship is for mortuary science study only.
- The FSF Scholarship Committee reserves the right to eliminate from consideration unsigned or incomplete applications without further notice to the applicant.
- The FSF Scholarship Committee will not review incomplete applications for this scholarship.
- FSF will only confirm receipt of completed applications.
- Please do not send any slides, portfolios, disks, etc. Only send the required materials.
- Trustees of the Funeral Service Foundation will review the recommendations of the FSF Scholarship Committee and approve the recipient of the scholarship. The decision of the trustees is final.
- A scholarship will be awarded only after the applicant has been admitted to an ABFSE approved school.
- Awards are paid directly to the school; under no circumstances will FSF make a payment directly to the student.
- The scholarship may be used for tuition and fees, books, and supplies.
- If a student terminates his or her enrollment in the school for any reason, the undisbursed balance of the scholarship must be returned to FSF only, may not be transferred to another school, and may not be paid to the student personally.
- Illness: serious protracted illness or injury that would delay participation in the program may be considered reason for holding an award in reserve. Time limits and other restrictions are to be set by the FSF Board of Trustees. Other leaves of absence will be considered individually.
- A student may not receive more than one Joseph E. Hagan Memorial Scholarship.
- Scholarships are not renewable.
- In all correspondence related to the scholarship, FSF must have the full name and social security number of the student.
- FSF has no loan programs, vocational grants or assistance for graduate study available.
- All scholarships are subject to available funds.

**Applicants submitting the application and all necessary attachments will be notified of the decision by mail in June 2007. The recipient will receive a Certificate of Award from FSF and the award will be sent directly to the recipient's school at the beginning of the fall term.**

## ***FUNERAL SERVICE FOUNDATION***

### **Joseph E. Hagan Memorial Scholarship 2007 APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

*Required Attachment #1 of Joseph E. Hagan Memorial Scholarship Application*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. COPY OF THIS APPLICATION CHECKLIST
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. APPLICATION FORM
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. ESSAY. The essay must be signed by the applicant.

Please call Melinda Mueller toll-free at 877-402-5900 with any questions.

**SUBMIT TWO COPIES OF THE COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE.**



**Joseph E. Hagan Memorial Scholarship**  
**2007 APPLICATION**  
*Required Attachment #2 of Joseph E. Hagan Memorial Scholarship Application*

*All responses must be typewritten.*

**I. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone during School \_\_\_\_\_

SS# \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (statistical purpose only) \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

**II. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

Length of mortuary science/funeral service program \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School Fall 2007 (check):    \_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup>       \_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup>       \_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup>       \_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup>

ABFSE-accredited school you are attending in fall 2007:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Full-time Student? (check): Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_    Number of Credits Fall 2007 \_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2007 \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. APPLICANT SIGNATURE**

**I hereby affirm that all statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

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Date