

## Maryland State Funeral Directors Association

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Thank you for your interest in renewing your membership of the Maryland State Funeral Directors Association. The following membership options are listed below. ***Please note that if you are an owner or officer of a funeral home, you must register as a Category I or I-A member unless your funeral home is already a member in one of those categories.***

**A. Funeral Establishment / Category I.** Funeral establishment membership must be held by a proprietor, partnership, corporation, or professional association (PA) lawfully engaged in the practice of mortuary science in any state. An establishment membership (Category I) consists of two (2) voting members. The two (2) voting members representing the firm must be registered with the Association office and hold a Maryland mortician or funeral director license. Each funeral establishment membership applies to a single location of a funeral home.

**B. Funeral Establishment / Category I-A.** Funeral establishment membership must be held by a proprietor, partnership, corporation, or professional association (PA) lawfully engaged in the practice of mortuary science in any state. An establishment membership (Category IA) consists of one (1) voting member. The one (1) voting member representing the firm must be registered with the Association office and hold a Maryland mortician or funeral director license. Each funeral establishment membership applies to a single location of a funeral home.

**C. Individual Membership / Category II.** Individual membership (Category II) may be held by any funeral practitioner licensed to practice as such under the laws of the State of Maryland. No consideration of this classification of membership will be given if the applicant is an owner or corporate officer of a funeral establishment unless said establishment currently holds a funeral establishment membership in good standing. Individual membership may also be granted to a duly licensed individual in the State of Maryland who currently resides in another state or the District of Columbia and is not actively associated with the practice of funeral service in the state of residency. An individual member shall have the right to vote, hold office, serve on appropriate committees, and enjoy all other privileges of the Association.

**D. Newly Licensed Individual Membership / Category III.** Newly licensed individual membership (Category III) may be held by a funeral practitioner who has been licensed two (2) to five (5) years to practice as such under the laws of the State of Maryland. No consideration of this classification of membership will be given if the applicant is a current member of the Association or is an owner or corporate officer of a funeral establishment unless said establishment currently holds a funeral establishment membership in good standing. Newly licensed individual membership may also be granted to a duly licensed individual in the State of Maryland who currently resides in another state or the District of Columbia and is not actively associated with the practice of funeral service in the state of residency. A newly licensed individual member shall have the right to vote, hold office, serve on appropriate committees, and enjoy all other privileges of the Association.

**E. Associate Membership.** Associate membership may be held by any funeral practitioner licensed to practice as such under the laws of the State of Maryland. No consideration of this classification of membership will be given if the applicant is an owner, corporate officer, or in a managerial capacity of a funeral establishment unless said establishment currently holds a funeral establishment membership in good standing. An associate member shall be entitled to all social and professional privileges of this Association; however, he or she may not vote, serve on standing or special committees of this Association, nor hold any office in the Association.

**F. Honorary Associate Membership.** Limited associate membership may be held by a newly licensed Funeral Director or Mortician licensed to practice as such under the laws of the State of Maryland. No consideration of this classification of membership will be given if the applicant is an owner, corporate officer, or in a managerial capacity of a funeral establishment unless said establishment currently holds a funeral establishment membership in good standing. An honorary associate member shall be entitled to all social and professional privileges of this Association; however, he or she may not hold this classification of membership for more than one year, vote, serve on standing or special committees of this Association, nor hold any office in the Association.

**G. Out-Of-State Membership.** Out-of-state membership may be held by any duly licensed funeral practitioner residing in and engaged in the practice of funeral service in another state or the District of Columbia. The out-of-state member shall not be entitled to hold office and shall not be entitled to vote on any business or in any election in this Association.