

Application for Membership

To the Maryland State Funeral Directors Association, Inc.:

Having formed a favorable opinion of your Association, I hereby make application to become a member, and if my credentials are found to be in order, I agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Association. I've completed this application in its entirety and submit it for your review:

Name _____ Birthday **(Month & Day)** _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email **(Must be Included)** _____

Business Name _____

Business Address _____

Business Phone _____ Business FAX _____

Business Email _____

Have been in business _____ year(s), or have been in the employ of the above-named business _____ years(s).

Maryland Funeral License # _____ ☐ Active ☐ Inactive Expires _____

Licensed in another state? If so, list state(s) and funeral service licensee numbers:

State _____ License # _____

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Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice (APFSP) # _____ CFSP ☐ Yes ☐ No

Other Certifications: Certified Pre-Planning Consultant (CPC) ☐ Yes ☐ No Certified Crematory Operator (CCO) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Year of Graduation from Mortuary School _____

Type of Business (check one): ☐ Sole Proprietorship ☐ Partnership ☐ P.A. ☐ Corporation ☐ Additional Individual

If a corporation or partnership, please list the name and titles of all officers and designate which officers are licensed funeral directors and who holds the MSFDA's primary Category I or I-A membership.

Academy of Professional Funeral Service Identification # _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

Vouched For By _____ F.D., MSFDA Member

Signature

Vouched For By _____ F.D., MSFDA Member

Signature

[Office Use Only] MSFDA Board Approval Date _____



Maryland State Funeral Directors Association

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Thank you for your interest in becoming a member 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.

J. *Student Membership.* Student membership may be held by any mortuary science student actively enrolled in a mortuary science academic program accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE). 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. A student 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. Student Membership shall be free of charge and valid only for the duration of their active enrolment in an accredited mortuary science program plus one year following their graduation from their respective mortuary science program. On or before December 31st of each year, a student member must send to the Executive Director of the Association confirmation in writing from their mortuary science program director (a) the student's active enrollment in an accredited mortuary science program during the twelve months prior to December 31st or (b) proof of graduation from an accredited mortuary science program during the twelve months prior to December 31st. Failure to provide written confirmation of the aforementioned enrollment in, or graduation from, an accredited mortuary science program during the twelve months prior to December 31st of each year, will automatically terminate the student membership in the Association. Upon licensure as a funeral professional by the State of Maryland, student members are eligible to apply for other types of membership in the Association.

This application must be completed in its entirety and returned to the Association office with payment for one year's dues.

We look forward to welcoming you as a member of the MSFDA.

MARYLAND STATE FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DUES

January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027

Please check one:

☐ **Firm – Category I*** \$ 975

Please Indicate 2nd Voting Member:

Name (First, MI, Last) _____ Birthday (*Month & Day*) _____

Funeral Service License # & State _____

Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice (APFSP) # _____

Position (*Owner, Manager, Staff Funeral Director, etc.*) _____

☐ **Firm – Category I-A*** \$ 735

☐ **Individual – Category II** \$ 310

☐ **Associate** \$ 225

☐ **Out of State** \$ 235

☐ **Individual – Category III** \$ 130

☐ **Honorary Associate (first year licensee)** N/C

☐ **Student Membership** N/C

TOTAL DUES REMITTED \$ _____

* A funeral home establishment must have one (1) Category I or I-A member. Please see next page to note firm's licensed funeral directors who will receive continuing education mailings from MSFDA.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

☐ Check Enclosed – Payable to the Maryland State Funeral Directors Association, Inc.

☐ I authorize the following credit card transaction:

☐ American Express ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover

Cardholder's Name _____

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

CVC # _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Signature _____

Notice Regarding Tax Deductibility of Dues

MSFDA dues are not deductible as a charitable contribution for federal tax purposes, but may be deductible as business expenses. Generally, funeral homes that pay MSFDA dues are able to deduct 100% of those dues as ordinary business expenses for federal tax purposes. However, due to the Budget Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1993 (the "Act"), any dues revenues utilized by a professional or trade association for lobbying purposes cannot be deducted by the member who paid the dues. In accordance with the Act, the Maryland State Funeral Directors Association is hereby notifying its membership that it estimates that 35% of 2027 MSFDA dues will not be deductible as ordinary business expenses for federal tax purposes. This estimate is to be utilized by MSFDA members in determining what portion of their MSFDA dues is deductible. Please provide a copy of this notice to your accountant and tax preparer.

For **Category I Firm membership**, please use this space to include **all** of your firm's licensed funeral directors who would be eligible to participate in MSFDA's continuing education programs at the member's discounted rate. (Include separate sheet if necessary.)

For **Category I-A Firm membership**, please indicate **three (3)** of your firm's licensed funeral director who would be eligible to participate in MSFDA's continuing education programs at the member's discounted rate.

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Email _____
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