The Program of Mortuary Science is pleased to announce that approximately $40,000 in scholarship funding will be made available to program students in 2016 from the following scholarship funds:

- The James Ellison Memorial Scholarship
- The O.J. and Karen Fawcett Scholarship
- The Leo A. Hodroff Scholarship
- The Richard P. Hurley Scholarship
- The Minnesota Funeral Directors Association Past Presidents Scholarship
- The Robert C. Slater Memorial Scholarship
- The Roy D. Havenor Memorial Scholarship
- Joseph Kapala and Thomas Glodek Mortuary Science Scholarship
- William L. and Kay B. McReavy Scholarship
- Ruth Jacobs Mortuary Science Scholarship

In past years, scholarship awards have ranged from $1,000 to $5,000. Awards this year will be based on a comprehensive review of all applications and the assessment of student financial need. Scholarship winners will be announced in late March, with presentations by donor families held as part of the Program’s Commencement Ceremony on May 13th. (Winners are expected to attend Commencement to receive their scholarship if they complete their degree requirements before September 1, 2016. Scholarship winners will also be invited to attend a scholarship reception the day of the Commencement ceremony.)

To be eligible to apply for a Program scholarship, the student must be matriculated (formally admitted to, and enrolled) in the Program of Mortuary Science at the University of Minnesota. The student must also have completed at least 12 semester credits as a mortuary science major, have earned a Program grade point average of at least 2.5, and be enrolled as a full-time student. Scholarship awards must be used to offset the cost of tuition; students who have received tuition waiver scholarships are not eligible to apply. Students who will have completed all of their coursework for the major by the end of Spring Semester 2016 are not eligible to apply, but students who will be completing coursework for a major in mortuary science during May and / or Summer Session 2016 are eligible to apply.

Students must submit one complete application to apply for all available scholarships. A complete application includes five (5) copies of the following materials (stapled – no binders, folders, etc.) to the Scholarship Award Committee:

1. A brief outline of the student’s work and volunteer / service activity history.


3. Documentation of financial need. A copy of the student’s FAFSA form should be submitted. If a student did not complete a FAFSA form, other documentation, such as a copy of the student’s tax return for the most recent year, may be submitted. Any additional supporting document(s) the student may wish to include for the purpose of evidencing their financial need to the Scholarship Award Committee should be submitted as part of the scholarship application process.

4. An essay of approximately one to two double-spaced, typewritten pages, in which the student 1) explains a critical issue / problem / condition related to the practice of funeral service today, and 2) discusses how they will address this issue / problem / condition as part of their work in funeral service following graduation and entry into the workforce.

Completed applications should be sent to Molly Diethelm, MMC 740, 420 Delaware Street SE, Minneapolis, MN, 55455 or delivered to Molly’s office. (You may place your application under her door if Molly is out.) If you have any questions about the application process, please feel free to contact Molly at dieth007@umn.edu.