



2019 MFDA New Membership Application

Name						Date of Birth		
Business Name								
Business Address								
Website Address					Email			
Business Phone			Fax		Cell			
Home Address								
Number of years in business or in the employ of the above named business								
Maine Funeral Service License Number			Active		Inactive		Expires	
Are you licensed in another state?		If so, list state(s), type of license, and funeral service license numbers (for CEU Purposes)						
State		License Type			License #			
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Mortuary School				Degree/Certificate				
Academy of Professional Funeral Service (APFS) Id Number (if a member)								
Referred for MFDA Membership by (provide 2 names & contact info)								
Name/Business/Email/Phone								
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Authorization to Fax and/or Conduct Telephone Solicitation: The guidelines implemented by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) for communicating via fax require prior written consent to enable associations to fax information. Your signed consent will also allow us to conduct telephone solicitations such as helping with NFDA's Political Action fund Raising efforts. Please check the appropriate box and sign below								
<input type="checkbox"/>		Yes, I authorize the MFDA to fax information to me			<input type="checkbox"/>		No, I do not wish to receive information via fax	
I hereby make application to become a professional member of the Maine Funeral Directors Association (MFDA) and pledge myself to conform to the constitution and by-laws of said association.								
Signature:						Date:		

Categories:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | MFDA Full Membership/Voting Dues / January 1, 2019– December 31, 2019 _____ | \$480 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | MFDA Associate Membership Dues / January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019 _____ | \$280 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | MFDA Privilege Membership / January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019 _____ | \$ 0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | *MFDA Full Membership Bi-Annual Payment /Voting Dues / January 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019 _____ | \$240 |
| | July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019 _____ | \$240 |

**Full Membership Bi-Annual Payment – Signature below authorizes MFDA to charge credit \$240 upon receipt of application and \$240 on July 1.*

RETURN FORM & PAYMENT TO MFDA PO BOX 926, GARDINER, ME 04345 OR FAX CREDIT CARD INFO TO: 207-512-1035
Checks can be made payable to the Maine Funeral Directors Association. Credit Card Payments - Enter Info Below:

Card Number		Exp Date:		CVV Code:	
Name/Address on Card if different than above:					
Authorization to Charge Card:				Date:	

Important Notice Regarding Tax Deductibility of MFDA Dues

Generally, funeral homes that pay MFDA dues are able to deduct 100% of those dues as ordinary business expenses for Federal Tax purposes. However, due to the enacted Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (The "Act"), dues revenues utilized by a professional trade association for lobbying purposes cannot be deducted by the member who paid dues. In accordance with the Act, the MFDA is hereby notifying its membership that it estimates that 15% of the 2019 MFDA dues paid by a member will not be deductible as ordinary business expenses for federal tax purposes. This estimate is to be utilized by MFDA members in determining what portion of their MFDA dues is deductible. Please provide a copy of this notice to your accountant and/or tax preparer.

For Office Use: The Board of Directors of the MFDA, having made due investigation in regard to the above applicant, do recommend this applicant for membership.

Authorized by: _____ Date: _____



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Excerpts from the MFDA by-laws:

Article IV – Membership

Section 4.1 Membership Qualifications: Voting Member. Any persons currently licensed by the Maine State Board of Funeral Service as a Funeral Service Practitioner may become a member after being duly processed in accordance with Section 4.2 of Article IV of the By-Laws.

Section 4.2 Application Process: Applications for membership shall be made on forms furnished by the Association, signed by the Applicant and vouched for by two MFDA Voting Members. The application shall be accomplished by the applicable dues as set forth under Article 6, Section 6.1, and brought before the Board of Directors of the Association.

Section 4.3 Life Members: Any Member of the Association, whose long and faithful service to the Association shall, in the opinion of the Members, merit the consideration and gratitude of the Association may be elected as a Life Member, provided such Member receives the majority vote of those present at the Annual Meeting. To be considered for this membership category, a member in good standing must make application to the Board of Directors thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting, receive the Board's recommendation and then receive a majority vote of those present at the Annual Meeting. Further, candidates for Life Membership must have maintained membership in the Association for a period of ten (10) years, reached the age of sixty-two (62) years or be physically disabled, and be fully retired from active practice. Life Members shall have all the privileges of Voting Members with the exception of voting or holding office, but shall not be subject to annual dues. Life Members on the MFDA Membership Roster as of August 23, 2007 shall be grandfathered in the event they may not have met the newly established criteria for such membership when they were granted Life Membership.

Section 4.4 Associate Members: The Board of Directors of the Association shall approve membership in the category of Associate Member to any person who is or has been licensed as a Practitioner by the Maine State Board of Funeral Service who has left the profession, widows of members of the Association, sales representatives who call upon Maine Funeral Service Practitioners, and other interested parties. These persons must be duly proposed in accordance with Section 4.2 of Article IV of the By-Laws. Associate Members shall have all the privileges of Voting Members with the exception of voting or holding office in the Association, and shall be subject to a portion of the annual dues as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 4.5 Privilege Members: Any person who is in their first year of being a licensed Practitioner within the State of Maine may become a Privilege Member for the year. Privilege Members shall have all of the rights of membership with the exception of voting or holding office in the Association, but shall not be subject to annual dues.

Section 4.6 Honorary Members: The Board of Directors of the Association shall have the right to nominate to Honorary Membership any person who does not otherwise qualify for membership in the Maine Funeral Directors Association and who has rendered outstanding service to the Profession. Said nomination must be approved by a majority vote of the Voting Membership at the Annual Meeting. Honorary members shall have all the privileges of membership with the exception of voting or holding office in the Association, but shall not be subject to annual dues.

Section 4.7 Contributing Members: There shall be a category known as Contributing Members. This Membership category is reserved for those members who not only believe strongly in the future of the Maine Funeral Directors Association, but who also wish to give something back to the profession that has been good to them over the years. To qualify for contributing membership one would make a minimum contribution of \$1,000.00. All contributing members will receive proper recognition for their generosity.

Article VI - Dues and Fiscal Year

Section 6.1 Dues: Payment of one year's dues shall accompany an application for membership in this Association.