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MISSION

The mission of the Virginia Funeral Directors Association Foundation (VFDAF) engages business and community partners in the support of professionals and students currently in or entering the funeral service profession through education, advocacy, and leadership development. By doing this, the VFDAF will help eliminate barriers to opportunities by helping people to reach their fullest potential.

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DOUGLAS JOHNSON'S STORY

"Often times, even when death is expected, it leaves family members anxious and concerned, both emotionally and financially. For many of them, they will be making funeral arrangements for the first time. The long considered and often dismissed concept of death will one day become a reality. And while some come to understand intellectually that each one of us will die, the idea is often not internalized. There is a great demand for funeral directors whether the family desires full burials or cremations. There will always be families who will need compassionate professionals to assist them with helping honor their loved ones memory. They will need a funeral profession that has knowledge of a wide range of burial traditions from various faiths. I have always found a great deal of satisfaction when helping others in their time of need. I pledge that when I earn my funeral director's license, I will strive to be known as one of the best in this honored profession." - excerpt from Douglas Johnson's VFDAF 2017 Winning Essay

The Virginia Funeral Directors Association Foundation awards a college scholarship to future funeral directors and those in the funeral profession.

