

SCIENCE AND TO OPERATE A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT WITHIN THIS STATE. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, TO QUALIFY FOR A MORTICIAN LICENSE, AN APPLICANT SHALL BE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(B) THE BOARD SHALL EXAMINE ALL APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE FOR THE PRACTICE OF MORTUARY SCIENCE AND SHALL ISSUE THE MORTICIAN LICENSE TO ANY PERSON WHO:

(1) IS JUDGED TO BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER;

(2) HAS COMPLETED NOT LESS THAN 1 YEAR AND NOT MORE THAN 4 YEARS OF LICENSED APPRENTICESHIP;

(3) HAS GRADUATED WITH AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE IN MORTUARY SCIENCE OR ITS EQUIVALENT FROM A SCHOOL ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE EDUCATION OR APPROVED BY THE BOARD;

(4) HAS PASSED THE NATIONAL BOARD EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY THE CONFERENCE OF FUNERAL SERVICE EXAMINING BOARDS OF THE UNITED STATES;

(5) HAS PASSED A WRITTEN EXAMINATION ON MARYLAND LAW AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF MORTUARY SCIENCE AND A PRACTICAL EXAMINATION DEMONSTRATING COMPETENCY IN EMBALMING AND SANITARY SCIENCE; AND

(6) HAS SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD ON THE REQUIRED FORM AND HAS PAID TO THE BOARD AN EXAMINATION FEE OF \$100.

(C) (1) THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE GRADUATED FROM 4 YEARS OF HIGH SCHOOL OR HAVE THE EQUIVALENT OF 12 YEARS FORMAL EDUCATION CERTIFIED BY A STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. EVIDENCE OF A HIGH SCHOOL OR GENERAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA SHALL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD AND MADE A PART OF THE APPLICANT'S RECORD;

(2) THE APPLICANT SHALL DEMONSTRATE TO THE BOARD THE INTENTION OF FULFILLING THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE. ~~THE APPLICANT MAY PURSUE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON A PART-TIME BASIS AND RECEIVE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE MARYLAND APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL;~~

(3) THE APPLICANT SHALL APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD WITH THE APPLICANT'S SPONSOR. THE SPONSOR SHALL HOLD A CURRENT VALID MORTICIAN LICENSE IN MARYLAND AND SHALL BE EMPLOYED BY THE SAME FUNERAL HOME THAT EMPLOYS THE APPRENTICE.

(4) THE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE OF AN APPRENTICE SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) PARTICIPATION IN AT LEAST 25 FUNERALS;