



**SURVIVOR FUND REQUEST  
FOR MONETARY ASSISTANCE  
AND  
REQUEST FOR INCLUSION  
ON THE WALL OF THE FALLEN**



**\*\*\*DEATH MUST HAVE OCCURRED WHILE THE DECEASED WAS ON THE JOB\*\*\***

Date of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_ Applying for:  Survivor Fund  Wall of the Fallen  Both

Name of the Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex:  Male  Female Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Deceased's Legal Spouse (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) and Age(s) of Deceased's Children (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company the Deceased Worked For: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in the Towing Industry:  Less than 2 years  2 -5 years  5-10 years  Greater than 10 years

Position of Deceased with the Company: \_\_\_\_\_

ITRHFM Member:  Yes  No

Name of Submitter: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  am  pm City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Road Type:  Interstate  State Hwy  County Rd  State Rd  City Street  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Description of incident and any other facts (if any) you believe ITRHFM should be aware of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Documents attached:**

- Death Certificate
- Police Report
- Copy of Marriage Certificate
- Copy of Birth Certificate(s) for Dependent Child(ren)
- Newspaper Article(s)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

*\*All available pertinent documents should be attached to the submission. It is not required to submit all items.*

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\*\*\*\*\* This Section Only Required For Survivor Fund Monetary Requests \*\*\*\*\*

Name For Funds Distribution: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Distribution should be made to closest living relative 18 or older.

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I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge at the time of submission. I understand that review by ITRHFM is confidential, and that its decision is final. I also understand that any award is discretionary, and that meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee an award. Should an award be made to me, I agree in advance to allow ITRHFM to list and publish the donation to me and my family.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Submitter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Privacy Information: Submitting information is strictly voluntary. By doing so, you are giving the ITRHFM your permission to use the information for the intended purpose. If you do not want to give the ITRHFM permission to use your information, simply do not provide it. However, not providing certain information may result in the ITRHFM's inability to provide you with the services you desire.*

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### NEXT OF KIN AFFIDAVIT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last Name, First Name)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare that:  
( First Name, Last Name)

I am the next of kin of \_\_\_\_\_, who died on or about the  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

As the next of kin, I am entitled to receive the offered monetary assistance from the  
Survivor Fund.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Affiant*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

# Survivor Fund Policies



## Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for a financial assistance award from the ITRHFM Survivor Fund, the deceased must fall into one of the following categories:

- Deceased must have been working as an operator or employee in any capacity with a motor vehicle towing company at the time of the event causing death.
- Deceased must have been working as an operator or employee in any capacity with a motor vehicle repossession company at the time of the event causing death.
- Deceased must have been working as an operator or employee in any capacity with a motor vehicle road service company engaged to work in the same capacity as the towing industry at the time of the event causing death.

Further, the deceased must have been on-duty or performing work directly associated with his/her position at the time of the event.

## Qualifying Circumstances:

- Death that occurs during the act of loading and unloading a motor vehicle, equipment, material, animal, or non-motor vehicle to be towed or moved on site;
- Death that occurs during the act of transporting a motor vehicle, equipment, material, animal, or non-motor vehicle due to the negligence of another person (i.e.) accident as a result of other persons driving under the influence, careless driving, road rage, etc.);
- Death that occurs during the commission of recovery efforts of a motor vehicle, equipment, material, animal, or non-motor vehicle. Recoveries include, but are not limited to: mountain recoveries, body of water recoveries, culverts, fields, mud, etc.;
- Death that occurs while driving en-route to or from the scene of a call (i.e. accident as a result of another person's driving under the influence, careless driving, road rage, etc.);
- Death that occurs while performing service calls (i.e. tire change, unlock, jump start, etc.)
- Homicide that occurs at the hand of a customer, robber, or passerby while engaged in a call; Homicide that occurs at the hand of a customer, robber, or passerby while at the home office;
- Death that occurs while working in a company office, or at another company operated location, during the performance of work related duties;
- Death that occurs as a result of Infectious Disease that can be proven to have been contracted during performing duties;
- Death that occurs during recovery or cleanup efforts of natural disasters;
- Death that occurs days, months or years after disablement or serious injury that was directly caused by performing duties while on the job (death must be proven to be a direct result of those injuries or disablement).

## Excluded Circumstances:

- Death that is a direct result of gross negligence on the part of the Tow Operator or employee including but not limited to: driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, negligent driving, road rage, in the commission of a felony crime, etc.; Suicide; Homicide; deaths that are not job related, including, but not limited to, domestic homicide, home robbery, etc.;

Additionally, the recipient of the death benefit must meet the following criteria:

- Must be 18 years of age or older.

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- If only dependent age children are survivors, payment can be made to a trust in their name if it is established. The ITRHFM will have no part in establishment of these trusts.
- Must be directly related to the deceased or spouse (common law accepted where recognized) of the deceased. Proof of relationship may be required and/or next of kin affidavit.
- Recipient requests for funds must be postmarked within 90 days from the date of death.
- The person filling out the request for funds must fill out the application in its entirety and must include all forms required at the time of submission.

Only one award is permitted per death and the ITRHFM is not responsible for additional claims from eligible persons. A reasonable effort will be made in each case to determine eligibility of the recipient and whether there are others eligible who should receive priority. Applications will be processed on a first received, first processed basis. Order of priority for distributions will be basically interpreted as spouse, children, parents and then siblings. Lacking applications from those others, the ITRHFM Survivor Fund committee will vote on funds disbursement and all decisions of the committee are final. Once the vote is complete and payment has been processed, no additional claims or requests for funds associated with a reviewed event will be entertained.

Death benefit award shall be a fixed amount to be set annually at the ITRHFM Board of Directors winter meeting. The current benefit amount is \$7,500, effective October 13, 2020. There is also an additional \$2,000 benefit available for requests where at the time of death the deceased was a member, or the deceased's employer was a member at that time, of the International Towing and Recovery Hall of Fame and Museum at any current membership level.

Benefit will be set as an amount in United States Dollars and that amount shall also be the maximum payout amount for international claims. International claims will be paid in an amount equal to the same number of currency units within the recipient's country but will not be paid beyond the maximum US Dollar limit or below an amount equal to two hundred fifty US Dollars. As an example, a payment to the countries below would be as shown based on currency exchange rates on June 9, 2016 as well as the \$3,000 death benefit for 2016:

Country	Exchange Rate	Units	Currency	Value in US Dollars	Payment (USD)
Australia	0.7472380000	3000	Dollar	\$2,241.71	\$2,241.71
Brazil	0.2976170000	3000	Real	\$892.85	\$892.85
England	1.4453400000	3000	Pound	\$4,336.02	\$3,000.00
Indonesia	0.0000755544	3000	Rupiah	\$0.23	\$250.00
Japan	0.0093620000	3000	Yen	\$28.09	\$250.00
Kuwait	3.3195100000	3000	Dinar	\$9,958.53	\$3,000.00
Malaysia	0.2470970000	3000	Ringgit	\$741.29	\$741.29
Mexico	0.0552368000	3000	Peso	\$165.71	\$250.00
New Zealand	0.7118030000	3000	Dollar	\$2,135.41	\$2,135.41
South Africa	0.0675030000	3000	Rand	\$202.51	\$250.00
Switzerland	1.0430400000	3000	Franc	\$3,129.12	\$3,000.00

It is beyond the scope of the Survivor Fund to make automatic awards, however committee members may pro-actively contact employers of those killed in the line of service to communicate the availability of benefits. This contact will not be made directly with family members unless contact is first initiated by

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family members. All applicants will be required to complete an application form to ensure eligibility requirements are met and records are kept appropriately by the ITRHFM.

The Survivor Fund committee shall have the right to review all exceptions to these guidelines on an individual basis.

The approval process for Survivor Fund applications will include the distribution of the submitted materials to the full committee by the museum manager which will start a 72-hour clock for each committee member to vote 'Yes', 'No' or 'Review'. If all members of the committee vote prior to the 72-hour clock expiration, the majority vote will carry unless prior to the expiration of the 72 hours three members of the committee vote 'Review'. Should three votes of 'Review' occur at any time prior to the end of the 72-hour voting period, the matter will be moved to a review process for full committee review as a group. A call will be scheduled and the majority of the committee members must be present to have a discussion to resolve the matter in Review, including at least two of the persons who voted 'Review' in the original round of voting. Once the 72-hour voting clock expires, if a majority of the committee has voted either 'Yes' or 'No', the vote shall carry and funds disbursement will be settled with that vote count. If there is no committee majority at the end of 72 hours, the voting process will end when a single answer of 'Yes' or 'No' carries the majority of votes based on the overall size of the committee.

# Wall of the Fallen

## Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for the ITRHFM Wall of the Fallen, the deceased must fall into one of the following categories:

- Deceased must have been working as an operator or employee in any capacity with a motor vehicle towing company at the time of the event causing death.
- Deceased must have been working as an operator or employee in any capacity with a motor vehicle repossession company at the time of the event causing death.
- Deceased must have been working as an operator or employee in any capacity with a motor vehicle road service company engaged to work in the same capacity as the towing industry at the time of the event causing death.

Further, the deceased must have been on-duty or performing work directly associated with his/her position at the time of the event.

## Qualifying Circumstances:

- Death that occurs during the act of loading and unloading a motor vehicle, equipment, material, animal, or non-motor vehicle to be towed or moved on site;
- Death that occurs during the act of transporting a motor vehicle, equipment, material, animal, or non-motor vehicle due to the negligence of another person (i.e.) accident as a result of other persons driving under the influence, careless driving, road rage, etc.);
- Death that occurs during the commission of recovery efforts of a motor vehicle, equipment, material, animal, or non-motor vehicle. Recoveries include, but are not limited to: mountain recoveries, body of water recoveries, culverts, fields, mud, etc.;
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- Homicide that occurs at the hand of a customer, robber, or passerby while engaged in a call; Homicide that occurs at the hand of a customer, robber, or passerby while at the home office;
- Death that occurs while working in a company office, or at another company operated location, during the performance of work related duties;
- Death that occurs as a result of Infectious Disease that can be proven to have been contracted during performing duties;
- Death that occurs during recovery or cleanup efforts of natural disasters;
- Death that occurs days, months or years after disablement or serious injury that was directly caused by performing duties while on the job (death must be proven to be a direct result of those injuries or disablement).

## Excluded Circumstances:

- Death that is a direct result of gross negligence on the part of the Tow Operator or employee including but not limited to: driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, negligent driving, road rage, in the commission of a felony crime, etc.; Suicide; Homicide; deaths that are not job related, including, but not limited to, domestic homicide, home robbery, etc.;
- Deaths related to personal health issues and/or natural causes.

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