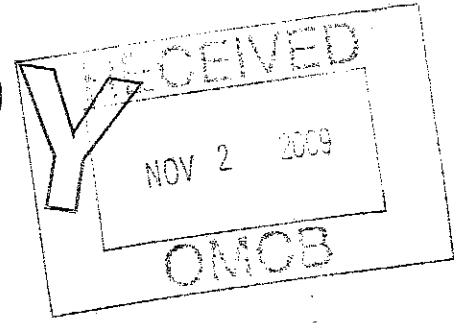




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Fisher Funeral Home Inc.

Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board
800 NE Oregon Street #430
Portland, OR 97232-2195

October 30, 2009

Dear Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board,

My name is Perry Ordeman and I am an apprentice at Fisher Funeral Home in Albany, Oregon. Fishers is my family's business and I am the sixth generation there. I have been employed at Fishers for over three years as an apprentice and have also been going to school at Linn Benton Community College and Arapahoe Community College. Arapahoe Community College holds the mortuary science program I am enrolled in and is based out of Littleton, Colorado. Once I complete the program and pass my boards, I plan on continuing employment at Fisher Funeral Home.

This letter is about my apprenticeship and the timing involved in my completion of the mortuary science program. As it stands now, I am scheduled to graduate from Arapahoe Community College with an associate degree in mortuary science in August of 2010. My four years of apprenticeship eligibility are done in May of 2010.

I am asking the board to grant an extension of my embalmer apprenticeship until I have completed school and had an opportunity to take my board examination. This would allow me to continue employment in the industry without interruption.

There were circumstances which prevented me from obtaining an associate degree and taking the board exams earlier. While going to school at Linn Benton Community College in Albany, I was also working full time at the funeral home. Because I needed to support my family, working part time was not an option. As a result, I could only take a limited class load every term and it took me three years to complete what a full time student could have completed in one. The delay was not due to any underachieving in the class room, but a simple lack of time. Classes I did take were either at night, online, or over my lunch hour. Eventually I had to schedule my anatomy class for the morning, which was a burden on the funeral home, but they thankfully adjusted their schedule to oblige me.

Once I had completed the necessary prerequisites at Linn Benton Community College, I transferred to the online program through Arapahoe Community College. My online class load is as full as they will allow so that I may finish as soon as possible. However, the soonest I can graduate is August of 2010.

If the extension is granted, my plan will be to apply for the educational waiver and take the FSP examination in July and then graduate in August. I will take the National Board Exam and pursue a combination license from the board and continue employment at Fisher Funeral Home as a licensed funeral director and embalmer.

Thank you for taking the time to evaluate my situation. My hope is that because I have a firm plan for completion of your requirements, you will find my request valid. The extension I am requesting will help assure that I can contribute as a licensed funeral director and embalmer in the state of Oregon for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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