

# Samuel Q. Baxter Scholarship Award

The Samuel Q. Baxter Scholarship was created in 1985 to honor the memory of Samuel Q. Baxter, a man committed to education throughout his life. Early on he aspired to become a teacher, but circumstances led him to funeral service. After graduating from Simmons Institute in 1934, Mr. Baxter became a licensed embalmer and licensed undertaker. (Separate licensure has since merged to a single license – that of funeral director.)

Samuel Q. Baxter was profoundly involved with the New York State Funeral Directors Association's Education Committee and he was instrumental in starting the mortuary science program at SUNY Canton and SUNY Farmingdale. To honor him, **the Samuel Q. Baxter award is meant to provide financial assistance to qualified students in their second year of a mortuary science program. Students must be committed to completing their education and to serving the public in their chosen profession.**

The Samuel Q. Baxter Scholarship Committee has established nomination guidelines for the Samuel Q. Baxter scholarship award. The scholarship will be awarded at the discretion of the Samuel Q. Baxter Scholarship Committee. For consideration, nominees must meet the following criteria:

1. New York State resident
2. Currently a second year student at an accredited NYS Mortuary Science School
3. Must intend to serve their residency in New York State
4. Must exhibit strong potential for professional excellence in funeral service

**All decisions are based on the nominations submitted by licensed New York State funeral directors and faculty of accredited mortuary science schools.** A \$500 monetary award will be presented at each NYSFDA Annual Convention in August.

If you know of a deserving student and would like to nominate him/her for this award, please complete the attached form and return to:

Samuel Q. Baxter Scholarship Committee  
1 South Family Drive  
Albany, NY 12205

**Reminder:** A short written essay written by the nominee must be attached to your completed nomination form.

**Nominations must be received by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.**

**NYS Tribute Foundation  
Samuel Q. Baxter Scholarship Award**

**Nomination Form**

I would like to nominate the following person for the Samuel Q. Baxter Scholarship Award:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mortuary Science School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year of Graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominated By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Funeral Firm or Mortuary Science School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach your nominee's essay that answers the following questions:

1. Why have you chosen funeral service as your profession?
2. What do you hope to achieve and contribute to funeral service?
3. What role does the funeral director play in his/her community?

Send completed nomination form and attached essay to:

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**DEADLINE: June 30<sup>th</sup>**