



Dr. John Baker MHA Scholarship  
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John Baker, MBA, PhD (retired) was the founder of and long-time Professor in the Master of Health Services Administration (MHSA) degree program, first established at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR). In 2005, the MHSA program was moved to the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health (COPH) at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and in 2015, renamed as the Master of Health Administration (MHA) program. Under his guidance, the MHA program has been highly successful for more than 35 years, training healthcare leaders in Arkansas and across the nation. The Dr. John Baker MHA Scholarship will provide greatly needed tuition awards to deserving students to support their academic and research efforts as they work to become leaders in the highly complex and changing healthcare system. This fund will also enable friends, colleagues, students, and alumni of Dr. Baker to honor his legacy of hard work and service to the healthcare leadership community.

### **Eligibility**

Students will be eligible to apply for the scholarship upon meeting the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in the UAMS COPH as a candidate for the MHA degree.
- In good academic standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 and having successfully completed a minimum of nine (9) credit hours in the UAMS COPH, but not completing their degree this semester and returning for the Fall semester.
- Not a previous recipient of this scholarship.

### **Application Process and Selection**

- Applicants should submit an essay (no more than 500 words, double-spaced) regarding the student's personal and professional commitment to fulfilling Dr. Baker's legacy of excellence in healthcare administration and service to the healthcare leadership community. Essays will be judged for their clarity in expressing how student's experience and plans for the future best exemplify the intent of the Baker scholarship and Dr. Baker's legacy.
- Please provide your student ID number, a copy of your academic transcript and current resume.
- Please include your academic and community service achievements, as they will be considered in support of your application.
- All documents are to be submitted as a PDF document attachment in an email message addressed to COPH Office of Academic Affairs at [COPH\\_OAA@uams.edu](mailto:COPH_OAA@uams.edu).
- Deadline for submission is **4:00 pm, Monday, March 27, 2023**. Please note deadline date--there will be no exceptions.

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- The recipient will be notified via their UAMS email account in April and will be presented with the award at the COPH Convocation on May 19, 2023. The Award Committee respectfully requests (but does not require) the awardee to attend Convocation to receive the award. Attendance this year will be face-to-face.
- The scholarship will be applied to your student account through the UAMS Bursar's Office.