

Charles H. Bassett Youth Foundation, Inc.  
Bassett Ah-Wa-Ga Center  
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## The Elizabeth and Benjamin Bassett Family Scholarship Application

**“ Recognizing Excellence in Academics, Balanced Development, and A Willingness to Overcome Challenges and Seize Opportunities in a Morris High School Graduating Senior. ”**

### Scholarship Background

The Elizabeth and Benjamin Bassett Scholarship is a \$ 500 educational award given in memory and honor of early Morris, Otsego County pioneer settlers, Elizabeth and Benjamin Bassett and their family.

Benjamin Bassett, was born in Yorkshire, England, and resided there until 1815, when with his wife, Elizabeth, and two infant sons, he sailed for the United States. The voyage was made in a sailing vessel, steamships not having then begun to cross the sea. The voyage was a very stormy one and occupied three months and two days. When within a few days' sail of New York a terrible storm came upon them and nearly wrecked their vessel, and for six weeks afterward they were tossed about upon the ruthless ocean, during which time they were put upon a short allowance of food, and lost what property they had on board, before it was possible for them to land. They at length landed in New York. They were of an honest, industrious and intelligent class of English people, and were unaccustomed to such rough ways as they found in this new country and to the hardships that awaited them here; their struggle for existence was a very hard one. Mr. Bassett was compelled to rely entirely upon his own resources.

He was a veterinary surgeon, and would doubtless have succeeded well, but a few years after landing in this country, he became blind from sickness brought on by exposure, and died in 1824, leaving the burden of the care and support of the family solely in the hands of his widow. She was a woman of superior intelligence and executive ability, and managed her affairs so successfully that she became in time well situated in life and lived to the advanced age of seventy-eight years, dying in Morris, Otsego County. With her husband, Benjamin Bassett, she raised three sons, John, a farmer residing at Garrattsville, Otsego County; William, a physician, who practiced many years at Binghamton, N.Y., and Wilson T., a physician who practiced many years in Cooperstown, N.Y. Elizabeth and Benjamin Bassett were the grandparents of Mary Imogene Bassett, a physician which the Bassett Hospital and Health Care System Honors.

### Student Application (Due No Later Than April 1 to Morris School Counseling Office)

1. Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address \_\_\_\_\_

3. Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

4. Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

5. School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

6. Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

7. Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

A. Record of School Extracurricular Activities:

**B. Record of Volunteer Community Service:**

**C. Employment Record:**

**D. Record of Awards, Recognition, and Honors:**

**E. Future Plans, Goals and Aspirations:**

**F. What Challenges Have You Faced and How Have You Overcome Them ?**

**G. If selected for this Scholarship, are you willing to perform 2-3 hours of volunteer service as A Senior Give Back to your community ?  Yes  No**

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**Signature of Applicant**

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**Date**