Samuel Arthur Swayne was born on December 24, 1887 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He graduated from DePaw University and The College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York. Dr. Swayne M.D., along with his wife Bertha and daughter Cornelia, came to Idaho in 1920 to enjoy the open country and to establish his first office in Melba. In 1924 the family moved to Nampa where he served on the staff of Mercy and Samaritan Hospitals. During these years the family grew with the birth of daughters Rachel, Julie and Phyllis. In 1929, when the youngest daughter Phyllis was only three years old, Bertha died.

After the marriage of his last daughter, Dr. Swayne married Cleo Heuck. During their thirty years together, he helped raise three children, Dan, Betty, and Bruce.

The Swayne Auditorium in the Brandt Center on the campus of Northwest Nazarene University is named in honor of Dr. Swayne for his life of service to his family and to the people of the Treasure Valley.

This scholarship is in honor of Samuel A. Swayne, M.D. for the support of the students of Northwest Nazarene University.

Criteria for the Award

1. Recipients are to be students who meet general scholastic requirements and show potential for academic success and degree completion;
2. Financial need shall be a consideration in the awarding of this scholarship;
3. Recipients may receive the award in successive years, not to exceed four years;
4. Preference in awarding shall be given to lineal descendants of Samuel A. Swayne;
5. Nominations for this award are to be made through the Office of Financial Aid.