

# First Sergeant Warren Bassuk Memorial Scholarship

The First Sergeant Warren Bassuk Memorial Scholarship is a prestigious needs-based scholarship dedicated to honoring the lives of all those who have served. As a Veteran whose unwavering commitment to service left an indelible mark on those who knew him, this scholarship aims to honor that service by supporting high-achieving individuals facing financial barriers to pursuing their educational and professional goals, embodying the values espoused by so many for the betterment of others.

Warren Bassuk's journey began in Vietnam with the U.S. Army. His experiences during this pivotal time shaped not only his character but also his profound understanding of sacrifice and resilience. Following his military service, Warren dedicated his life to the healthcare field, where he continued to exemplify the core values of compassion and selflessness, dedicating himself to improving the lives of others.

Warren's legacy is rooted in his belief that everyone deserves a chance to succeed, regardless of their circumstances. He recognized excellence and relentlessly pursued it, but he was equally known for his heart of gold, always eager to help those in need. His commitment to his family, friends, and the greater community was palpable, inspiring those around him to strive for their best. The First Sergeant Warren Bassuk Memorial Scholarship serves as a tribute to his life and the values he championed—values that resonate deeply within the recipient community.

Eligibility criteria for the First Sergeant Warren Bassuk Memorial Scholarship include exemplary academic performance, demonstrated leadership skills, a proven history of service to the community, and financial need. The selection process is thorough, assessing various aspects of each applicant's background to ensure that those who embody excellence, spirit of service, and dedication to uplifting others are given the opportunity to receive this honor.

This scholarship is not just a financial aid opportunity; it is a call to action, inspiring recipients to carry forward Warren Bassuk's mission of excellence and dedicated service. By providing this support, we empower students to achieve their dreams and make a positive impact in their communities, just as Warren did throughout his life.

If you believe you possess the qualities and values that align with the spirit of the First Sergeant Warren Bassuk Memorial Scholarship, we encourage you to apply and share your story of needs and dedication. Join us in celebrating a legacy of service, compassion, and community upliftment.

#### The Scholarship

The college awards need scholarships for certificate and degree programs. Scholarship applications must be submitted during the enrollment application process through the Student Services Department. The point of contact for all scholarship is the Vice President of Student Services, Mrs. Lisa Gonzales, who can be reached at admissions@cbet.edu or by telephone at 210-233-1102.

## **Application Criteria**

To be considered by the scholarship selection committee, applications must be complete. Each section of the application will be examined, and incomplete submissions will not be reviewed. The general criteria for the scholarship include the following:

Part I. Complete the CBET Application. To request an application, send your contact information to the CBET admissions officer through our online portal at https://cbet.edu/admissions. All items marked with an asterisk (\*) must be submitted to complete the application:

- CBET Application\*
- Photocopy of a Valid Government-Issued ID Card as proof of eligibility\*
- Proof of High School Graduation, GED Completion, Diploma, and/or Transcript\*
- Citizen or Permanent Legal Resident of the United States
- Current Resume
- Transcripts from other post-secondary institutions (if applicable)
- Verification of financial need (may include tax returns, W-2 Forms, or other documentation to assess household earnings).

Part 2- Professional and Community Activities. To facilitate scholarship consideration, the Scholarship Committee would like to learn more about each applicant. Please submit a 250-to-300-word essay describing your personal and/or professional contributions to your community. If applicable, include awards, recognitions, or other honors you have received.

- Short essay response (250-300 words) \*
- Certificates, awards, recognitions (Not mandatory)

Part 3- Letters of Recommendation. We seek insights from your professional colleagues, former teachers, or others with whom you share a professional relationship concerning your capacity for higher education and work ethic. The most effective letters usually come from individuals in the healthcare industry or from within your professional network; however, outstanding letters from other professional colleagues and community leaders are also welcome. Scholarship applicants must submit two (2) letters of recommendation.

- Letter of Recommendation 1\*
- Letter of Recommendation 2\*

#### Scholarship Award Evaluation Criteria

**Prior Academic Success:** Transcripts and academic records will be evaluated.

**Essay Requirements:** Essays must be typed. Points may be deducted for poor grammar, spelling errors, or lack of neatness. Proofread your work carefully.

**Professional/Work History and Experience:** Applicants must be active-duty Veterans or current military service members. Please be thorough and accurate. If necessary, list additional experience on a separate sheet and attach it to your application.

**Recommendations:** A recommendation is required from someone who is not a family member or close friend. Please use the attached form, as a letter alone is not sufficient. While additional letters are welcome, greater weight will be given to recommendations from individuals with professional experience in healthcare technology management. Ensure the evaluator's contact information is included in your application.

**Extracurricular and Volunteer Activities:** List all extracurricular and volunteer activities under the appropriate categories and years. Include any leadership roles or offices held in organizations. Be as thorough as possible. If you have no activities to report, simply write "none." The more activities you list, the higher your potential score.

### Scholarship Submission, Selection, and Award

Scholarship Submissions. Scholarships must be submitted at the time of enrollment into a program as part of the application process. Complete scholarships should be submitted to a Student Services Coordinator at admissions@cbet.edu.

Scholarship Selection. The Scholarship Selection Committee convenes once per term to review applications and make award decisions. The committee reserves the right to adjust or cancel an award at any time due to changes in a recipient's enrollment or academic status or upon discovery of any alterations in the recipient's eligibility.

Scholarship Awards. The First Sergeant Warren Bassuk Memorial Scholarship has a maximum award value of \$500.00 for students enrolled in a certificate program and \$1,500.00 for students enrolled in a degree program.

#### **Scholarship Terms and Conditions**

Applicants must be accepted to CBET for enrollment in a current program.

All scholarship materials must be submitted to CBET before starting training.

Financial need is not required for needs-based or special group scholarship eligibility.

Applicants may combine external scholarships along with institutional scholarships. Eligibility to do so is entirely dependent on the external scholarship criteria.

Institutional scholarships are not transferable and have no cash value outside of the intended use at the College of Biomedical Equipment Technology. No refunds will be issued if an institutional scholarship creates a credit balance on the student's account.

Eligibility for institutional scholarship awards is determined for each term of obligation. Students must meet specific academic benchmarks each term to maintain their scholarships. After enrollment, scholarship recipients must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale throughout their academic journey. If they fail to do so, their scholarship or the remaining portion may be withdrawn. Failing a class will prompt the scholarship committee to review the recipient's eligibility, which may result in the scholarship being rescinded.

Students may not combine institutional scholarships with tuition discounts offered by the college. However, students qualified for external scholarships may combine discounts offered by the college and external scholarship awards.

Institutional scholarships are non-transferable.

Institutional scholarships will be forfeited in the event of dismissal, expulsion, or voluntary or involuntary withdrawal.

Students may request reinstatement of institutional scholarships upon readmission if their withdrawal circumstances are deemed mitigating. A written request must be submitted for approval by the scholarship committee.

While scholarships are intended to cover tuition costs, students remain financially responsible for other related fees, such as technical fees, textbooks, and course materials identified in the course catalog. It is essential for students to budget accordingly for these additional expenses to ensure they can fully benefit from their scholarship and have the necessary resources for academic success.