



Program Overview

The *Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans' Families (EBV-F)* is an education and training program offered by the Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University (<http://whitman.syr.edu>). The program is designed to leverage the flexibility inherent in small business ownership to provide a vocational and economic 'path-forward' for military family members who are now caregivers to a wounded warrior - or for the surviving spouse of a military member who gave his or her life in service to our country. The EBV-F program will integrate training in small business management, with caregiver and family issues, positioning the family member to launch and grow a small business in a way that is complementary or enhancing to other family responsibilities.

Modeled after the existing *Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities (EBV)* initiative, the EBV Families program will be offered without any cost to accepted applicants. The Whitman School of Management will launch the first EBV-F program in November of 2010. ***Applications will be accepted beginning in April of 2010.***

The Training Experience

The EBV-F is designed to provide both practical training in the tools and skills of new venture creation and growth integrated with family and caregiver issues, and also to provide a support structure for graduates of the program. The practical elements of the program will involve three phases:

- **Phase I:** A 45-day, online training course, where delegates will learn the 'language' of entrepreneurship, and work toward understanding the fundamentals of business ownership in the context of their own business concepts.
- **Phase II:** A 9-day entrepreneurship immersion experience at Syracuse University. Participants are exposed to the 'nuts and bolts' of business ownership through a hands-on training program in entrepreneurship and small business - experiential workshops and lessons from world-class entrepreneurship faculty, representing nationally ranked programs around the country.
- **Phase III:** Delegates are provided 12-months of ongoing support and mentorship from faculty experts, experienced entrepreneurs, and others. This mentorship and support is positioned to help you realize your entrepreneurial goals.

Costs and Logistics

- This program is entirely free to accepted applicants. As a result of the generous support of Syracuse University - and also the private giving of individuals and corporations - we are able to cover all costs (including travel, lodging, and meals) for delegates accepted to the EBV-F.

Eligibility and Application Procedures

EBV-F applications will be accepted from:

- 1) Family caregivers of post-9/11 veterans who have been identified by the DoD or VA with a 'service-connected' disability, that now require assistance to perform activities of daily living. Specifically:
 - An **eligible caregiver** under this program shall be a spouse, parent, sibling, adult child, or other first-degree family member of a post -9/11 veteran with a service-connected disability, who assumes responsibility for assisting the veteran to perform activities of daily living that the individual would typically perform without assistance if not for the service-connected disability.
 - An **eligible veteran** under this program shall be one who has a service-connected disability as determined by the VA and/or DoD, and as a consequence of that disability requires the assistance of a caregiver to perform activities of daily living.
- 2) The surviving spouse or adult child of a soldier, sailor, airman, coast guardsman, or Marine (active, guard, or reserves) who lost their life since 2001, as a consequence of their military service.

Applying to the EBV-F

We operate on a rolling admission basis; therefore early application is highly encouraged. Applications can be downloaded from the program website: <http://whitman.syr.edu/ebv>

The EBV-F program represents a unique opportunity for military family members who have sacrificed for America's freedom to take an important step toward realizing *their own* freedom – economic freedom – through entrepreneurship. The EBV-F is a selective, rigorous, and intense educational initiative and accordingly, the application process itself is rigorous and selective. Successful candidates for admission will demonstrate a strong interest in entrepreneurship, high motivation for owning and managing a business, and a high likelihood of successful completion of this intense training program. For more information, or to submit an application, contact:

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