The International Foundation announces a Scholarship to Participate in the Certified Employee Benefit Specialist® (CEBS®) Program

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 6, 2019

In an effort to introduce employee benefits as a viable and exciting career option, the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans is awarding a scholarship to participate in the Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS) program.

CEBS is a designation program cosponsored by the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans. Those who achieve the designation have found it leads to multiple career opportunities and advancement.

Employee benefits have a tremendous impact on organizations, and those with the demonstrated knowledge of benefits laws and regulations have the power to shape not only organizational strategy but also the lives of tens of thousands who receive benefits.

This scholarship gives students an opportunity to take one or more of the five courses required to earn the CEBS designation.

More information about the CEBS program is available at www.cebs.org.
ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the scholarship, candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. A current resident of New York State.
2. A student or recent graduate of the New York State public university system, who is a
   • Current graduate student studying public administration, health benefits, health benefits administration or related degree program
   OR
   • Recent graduate having earned a bachelor's or graduate degree with a study emphasis in public administration, health benefits, health benefits administration or related program.
3. Employed or seeking employment in the public sector in New York State.

In order to be considered for the scholarship, candidates are required to complete the application form on the following pages.

WHAT DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP INCLUDE?

• Study materials for each CEBS course of his or her choosing. Study materials include a study guide (both hard copy and online access), practice exam and corresponding textbook. Scholarship winners cannot take more than one course at a time.

• One exam per course. Retake exams are not included in the scholarship.

• Two years to complete as many courses as he or she chooses within the selected area of specialty (health or retirement).

• Scholarship winners are eligible to attend the ISCEBS Employee Benefits Symposium or the Annual Employee Benefits Conference upon successful completion of one course. Hotel, air, registration and ground transportation are included. A four-week notice must be provided to participate.

NOTIFICATION

All applicants will be notified of their status by December 27, 2019.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be evaluated by a panel of public sector representatives who are members of the International Foundation, as well as administrative staff members of the International Foundation. Applications must be received by December 6, 2019.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information, visit www.ifebp.org/nyscholar. Questions can be directed to Linda Bielski at lindab@ifebp.org, (262) 373-7671 or Stacy Van Alstyne at stacyv@ifebp.org, (262) 373-7746.
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Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS) Program

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name: ________________________________________________________________
Current Address: ______________________________________________________
City/State/ZIP: _______________________________________________________  
Permanent Address: ___________________________________________________  
City/State/ZIP: _______________________________________________________  
Phone: ________________________________________________________________
Alternate Phone: _______________________________________________________  
Email: ________________________________________________________________

I am a (check one)
☐ Current graduate student at ____________________________________________
   Study emphasis/major _________________________________________________
☐ Recent graduate of _________________________________________________  
   My degree was completed in ________________________________________  
   Study emphasis/major _______________________________________________

Current employment status (check one)
☐ I am currently employed in the public sector in New York State.
   Position: ____________________________________________________________
   Employer: ____________________________________________________________
   Supervisor: ___________________________________________________________
   Address: _____________________________________________________________
   City/State/ZIP: _______________________________________________________
   Phone: ________________________________________________________________
   Email: ________________________________________________________________
   Please describe the duties and responsibilities in current position. ________________
   ________________________________________________________________

☐ I am seeking employment as a governmental employee in the state of New York. (over)
ESSAY

Please provide an essay describing what you hope to gain from participating in the CEBS program. Include how the program relates to your career goals or current position. Essays are limited to 500 words. (Information about the program can be found at www.cebs.org.)

RESUMÉ

Please attach your resumé.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Provide two letters of recommendation: one personal, one academic. Be sure to include contact information for your references. Letters will not be returned.

PROOF OF ENROLLMENT FOR NON-NEW YORK STATE STUDENTS/GRADS

- Current students—Please provide a copy of your transcript or other verification of enrollment and course selection/area of study.
- Recent graduates—Please provide proof of degree completion, along with course selections or area of study.

Note: It is not necessary to supply a grade point average.

QUESTIONS

If you require additional information, contact

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SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY DECEMBER 6, 2019

Send your application via mail, fax or email.
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Email pdf or Word documents to stacyv@ifebp.org.

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