

Charles H. Bassett Youth Foundation, Inc.
Bassett Ah-Wa-Ga Center
34 ½ Lake Street Owego, New York 13827

The Dr. William Hewitt Bassett Scholarship Application

Recognizing Outstanding Service To Others, Good Character, A Capacity To Overcome Challenges
and Excellence in a Binghamton High School Graduating Senior

Scholarship Background

The Dr. William Hewitt Bassett Scholarship is a \$ 500 educational award given in memory of life of William Hewitt Bassett, MD and his contributions to Broome County. William Hewitt Bassett was born in London, England, February 27, 1815, and in the summer of 1815 with his parents, Elizabeth and Benjamin Bassett and older brother, John, sailed for America in the ship Rufus King, and after a remarkably tempestuous voyage, lasting twelve weeks and three days, landed in New York City. His family settled in Butternuts, Otsego County, where William attended school and eventually taught school for four years. William apprenticed under Dr. G.W. P Wheeler of Garrattsville and Dr. John C. Gorton of Gilbertsville. In 1840, he entered the Geneva Medical College and in 1841 he took a course of lectures at the Berkshire Medical College in Massachusetts. William then went to New York City and studied under Valentine Mott, John W. Draper, and other eminent teachers, until the Spring of 1844, when he established himself in the town of Morris, New York, where he practiced his profession for eighteen years. When the Civil War broke out, Dr. Bassett accepted an appointment as Surgeon of the 121st Regiment of the New York Volunteers, and served nearly three months under General McClellan in the summer and fall of 1862, at Berketsville and Antietam. After his military service, William continued study at the New York Medical College under Professor Carnochan. In the Spring of 1863, he settled in Binghamton with his wife, Hannah Rose Angel Bassett and his son, James Angel Bassett. Dr. Bassett practiced medicine in Binghamton for close to thirty years with a specialty in surgery, and he performed a number of the more important operations with skill and success. He was a member of the New York State Medical Society and served as the Broome County Medical Examiner. He lived and practiced medicine in his residence on Carroll Street in downtown Binghamton.

Student Application (Due No Later Than April 1 to the 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

Signature of Applicant

Date