

*25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
Charles H. Bassett Youth Foundation, Inc.  
Bassett Ah-Wa-Ga Center  
34 ½ Lake Street Owego, New York 13827

## **The Robert Van Rensselaer Bassett Scholarship Application**

*Recognizing Outstanding Service To Others, Good Character, and Excellence  
in an Owego Free Academy Graduating Male Senior*

### **Scholarship Background**

**The Robert V. R. Bassett Scholarship is a \$ 500 educational award given in memory of Robert V.R. Bassett, Sr. and his son, Robert V.R. Bassett, Jr. Robert V.R. Bassett, Sr. was born and raised in Owego and graduated from Owego Free Academy in the Class of 1902. He attended Cornell University graduating in 1906 with a degree in law. He lived and practiced law in Owego his entire life and was very active in many community organizations. His son, Robert V.R. Bassett, Jr., was also born and raised in Owego graduating from Owego Free Academy in the Class of 1930. He attended the United States Naval Academy and graduated in 1935. He served his country for over 30 years in the United States Navy including the Second World War when his ship was sunk in the 2nd Battle of the Java Sea resulting in his captivity in Japanese prison camps for three years until the end of the war. Later in his career he taught Naval Science at Duke University and the University of New Mexico. Among the many medals he received were the Dutch Bronze Cross, the Legion of Merit and the Prisoner of War Medals. He was inducted into the Owego Free Academy Wall of Fame in June 2011.**

**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. Short Essay: “ Public Service is Essential to Our Nation. Why is it critically important and in what ways do you think it needs more support to strengthen the United States ? ” (Use extra space as necessary)**

**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**

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**Signature of Applicant**

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**Date**