



The Institute for Veterans and Military Families

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In a quest to bring the resources of higher learning to America's Veterans and their families, Syracuse University created the Institute for veterans and Military Families (IVMF) in June 2011. A first for higher education, the IVMF leverages the university's intellectual, human and social capital resources to address the primary economic and public policy concerns of the nation's veterans and their families. The IVMF focuses on educational programming, actionable research and employment opportunities, and Ernst & Young supports it in each of these endeavors. Working with IVMF, Ernst & Young helps to conduct research on issues that affect veterans and assists with the design and development of educational programs.

The Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans' Families

Military families face daunting challenges when a family member is disabled or killed in military service. The Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans' Families (EBV-F), an IVMF program, is designed to provide a vocational path forward for family members in a full-time caregiver role for a wounded warrior or for the surviving family in a household where a parent was killed in combat.

Established in 2010 by The Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University and sponsored by Ernst & Young, EBV-F is an all-expense paid program designed to teach these family members the fundamentals of starting and running a small business.

EBV-F uses the same model as the well-established Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities (EBV) program. Now in its second year, EBV-F works with spouses and other immediate family members of disabled and deceased veterans, helping them to launch and grow a family business while taking into account their special circumstances. There is an online course, followed by two weeks in residence, after which participants are paired with online mentors who work with them over the course of the year. In February 2012, EBV-F will expand to Florida State University.

In addition to financial support, Ernst & Young is assisting with planning, curriculum development, guest speakers, awareness and mentoring. Our sponsorship of the program highlights our commitment to our nation's wounded warriors, families, entrepreneurship and education. We are proud to have helped launch this program at Syracuse University and plan to extend EBV-F to additional schools in the coming year.

Here's how you can help:

Donate: You can make a donation to the program at secure.syr.edu/giving/whitman_giving.aspx (select EBV and then add a comment to indicate that the sponsorship is for EBV-F) or contact Kathy Hebert at katherine.hebert1@ey.com.

"As part of our long-standing commitment to entrepreneurship, and our support of the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our country, we're proud to sponsor a program that helps family members of recently deceased or disabled veterans. By providing funding and hands-on assistance, we're helping these families start and build successful businesses."

Steve Howe, Ernst & Young's Americas Area Managing Partner

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