

NBCC Foundation Rural Scholarships

Application Criteria

The NBCC Foundation Scholarship Program is designed to encourage individuals residing in rural areas to pursue careers in professional counseling. The program provides financial support to students from rural and underserved areas to enroll in a qualifying counseling program and commit to serving in these communities after graduation.

Amount

- ❖ Five \$3000 Scholarships are available for graduate students each year.

Eligibility

- ❖ Applicants must be enrolled full-time, and in good standing, in a CACREP-accredited graduate counseling program.
- ❖ Applicants must demonstrate that their residence is in a nonmetropolitan area as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau or a Mental Health Professional Shortage Area (MHPSA) as defined by the U.S. Health Resources Services Administration.
- ❖ Applicants must commit to returning to their rural or underserved area after graduation and providing counseling services for at least two years.
- ❖ Applicant must apply for the National Certified Counselor upon eligibility.

Application Materials

Candidates must demonstrate compliance with eligibility requirements through submission of the following (**six collated copies**):

- ❖ A letter, transcript, or other material documenting current enrollment and good standing in a CACREP-accredited graduate counseling program.
- ❖ A transcript from the applicant's undergraduate program.
- ❖ Documentation demonstrating residence in a nonmetropolitan or MHPSA area.
- ❖ A student profile, curriculum vitae, or resume.
- ❖ A statement from the applicant explaining your interest in the scholarship and your commitment to serving in a rural or underserved area for at least two years.