

NBCC Foundation Rural Scholarship

Application Criteria

The NBCC Foundation scholarship program increases the number of counselors in needed areas. The rural scholarship provides financial support to students who are currently enrolled in counseling programs and who commit to serving rural or underserved areas upon graduation.

Amount

- ❖ Five \$3,000 scholarships are available to qualifying counseling students.

Eligibility

- ❖ You must be enrolled and in good standing in a CACREP-accredited master's degree counseling program. You must have completed at least 18 credit hours prior to application and carry at least 6 credit hours during the current semester.
- ❖ You must demonstrate that your 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. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration.
- ❖ You must commit to providing counseling services in a rural or underserved area for at least two years after graduation.
- ❖ You must apply for the National Certified Counselor credential prior to graduation.

NBCCF scholarship recipients from previous years are not eligible to reapply.

Application Materials

Please submit **six collated sets** (the originals plus five copies) of the following:

- ❖ An official transcript from a CACREP-accredited graduate counseling program documenting current enrollment and good standing, completion of at least 18 semester hours, and a current course load of at least six (6) credit hours.
- ❖ An official transcript from your undergraduate college.
- ❖ Documentation of residence in a nonmetropolitan area or MHPSA.
- ❖ A student profile, curriculum vitae or résumé.
- ❖ A completed NBCC Foundation scholarship application form.
- ❖ A statement explaining your interest in the scholarship, your background with rural communities, and your commitment to serving a rural or underserved area for at least two years after graduation. Please highlight previous employment, internships or volunteer positions in these communities.