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## **Aaron Temple Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation**



Casper, WY—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded an \$8,000 NBCC Foundation military scholarship to Aaron Temple, of Casper, Wyoming. The military scholarship is awarded to service members, veterans, and their spouses who are pursuing a counseling education and commit to serving fellow military personnel, veterans, and families upon graduation.

The mission of the NBCC Foundation is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change. The military scholarship was created in 2009 to increase access to counselors for military personnel, veterans, and families suffering from a shortage of available mental health professionals. The NBCC Foundation awarded six \$8,000 [military scholarships](#) for the 2020–2021 award year.

As a military scholarship recipient, Temple will receive \$8,000 to support his counseling education and recognize his commitment to underserved communities. Temple is a graduate of the University of Wyoming and Pittsburg State University. He is currently a master's student studying school counseling at the University of Wyoming, balancing his work as a full-time teacher and taking weekend courses in the nontraditional counseling program. Upon graduation, Temple intends to work with individuals of all ages, with a particular focus on members of the veteran population who are struggling following their military experiences. As a veteran himself, he has experienced the hardships service members and their families face before, during, and after a deployment. As a professional counselor, he intends to research and incorporate music as an expressive art medium to work with veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. Earning this scholarship will enable him to continue to develop his professional identity as a counselor, improve his competency in school and mental health counseling work, and serve the military community.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded six \$8,000 [rural scholarships](#) to increase the number of counselors serving rural areas. The Foundation plans to continue offering scholarships to increase the number of counselors in the areas where they are needed most and will open the next application period in spring 2021. Through the NBCC Foundation scholarship programs, over \$860,000 has been awarded to over 200 counseling students working to provide effective, culturally competent services to underserved populations. For more information or to make a gift to support scholars like these, please visit [nbccf.org](http://nbccf.org).

### **ABOUT THE NBCC FOUNDATION**

The NBCC Foundation is the nonprofit affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), based in Greensboro, North Carolina. NBCC is the nation's premier professional certification board devoted to credentialing counselors who meet standards for the general and specialty practices of professional counseling. Currently, there are more than 66,000 board certified counselors in the United States and over 50 countries. The Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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