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Dionne D. Phillips Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Brooklyn, NY—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded an \$8,000 NBCC Foundation military scholarship to Dionne D. Phillips, of Brooklyn, New York. 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, Phillips will receive \$8,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to underserved communities. Phillips is a graduate of Hampton University and is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at North Carolina A&T State University. Upon graduation, Phillips intends to work with military members, veterans, and their families. She plans to pair her skills as a Board Certified Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse and Clinical Mental Health Counselor to better advocate for, educate, and improve our evolving mental health care system through evidence-based practice. She has a passion for women and girls as well as underserved and marginalized populations. She intends to do her part to collaborate with some of our most vulnerable populations with a compassionate heart, encouraging the client to use their influence to create a new story, mindset, and manner of coping for their future. Being selected as a recipient of this scholarship provides the opportunity for Phillips to learn from motivated and experienced leaders in the profession. Additionally, it will allow her to glean from those who are invested in and dedicated to the growth and prosperity of their colleagues and the populations served, which will strengthen her professional identity as a counselor.

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.

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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