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## Jeff Turk Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Hampden, ME—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded an \$8,000 NBCC Foundation military scholarship to Jeff Turk, of Hampden, Maine. 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, Turk will receive \$8,000 to support his counseling education and recognize his commitment to underserved communities. Turk is a graduate of the University of Maryland Global Campus and the American Military University. He is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at Husson University. Upon graduation, Turk intends to work with adults in community settings, especially military veterans who are challenged with trauma, mental illnesses, and struggling to find meaning in their lives. Through lived experience, he understands the difficulty of transitioning from military member to civilian and is committed to helping others find their paths. Earning this scholarship will enable Turk to access unique educational opportunities and mentors who can guide his development into a competent clinical mental health counselor who is skilled in helping people achieve their counseling goals and a stronger advocate for underserved populations.

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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