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Jordan S. Bogenrief Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Brookings, SD—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded an \$8,000 NBCC Foundation military scholarship to Jordan S. Bogenrief, of Brookings, South Dakota. 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, Bogenrief will receive \$8,000 to support his counseling education and recognize his commitment to underserved communities. Bogenrief is a graduate of and currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at South Dakota State University. Upon graduation, Bogenrief plans to work with veterans, particularly those who are transitioning into civilian life, experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder, and victims of sexual assault. He plans to work to break down the barrier of stigma for veterans seeking counseling services. Earning this scholarship will allow Bogenrief to establish a stronger professional identity as a counselor, learn evidence-based practices to deliver to the veteran community, and to improve his competency in serving 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.

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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