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Kimberly Haney Receives Rural Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Gilford, NH—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded an \$8,000 NBCC Foundation rural scholarship to Kimberly Haney, of Gilford, New Hampshire. The rural scholarship is awarded to master’s-level counseling students who are from rural communities and commit to practicing in rural areas upon graduation.

The mission of the NBCC Foundation is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change. The Foundation created the rural scholarship in 2009 to improve access to counseling services in rural communities, which suffer disproportionately from a lack of mental health care. The NBCC Foundation awarded six \$8,000 [rural scholarships](#) for the 2020–2021 award year.

As a rural scholarship recipient, Haney will receive \$8,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to underserved communities. Haney is a graduate of Granite State College and is currently enrolled as a master’s student in the clinical mental health counseling program at Plymouth State University. Haney plans to work with individuals in rural communities who are struggling with substance use disorders. She is currently a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) and upon graduation intends to practice as a master’s-level LADC and as a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor. Haney’s goal is to be able to treat individuals in rural communities with co-occurring disorders. Earning this scholarship will further Haney’s education to learn evidence-based practices as she works to serve her community, which currently has minimal services and long waits to receive services.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded six \$8,000 [military scholarships](#) to increase the number of counselors serving fellow military personnel, veterans, and their families. 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 in support of scholars like these, please visit www.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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