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Tara A. Burton Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



El Paso, TX—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded an \$8,000 2019 NBCC Foundation military scholarship to Tara A. Burton, of El Paso, Texas. 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. More than 50 students from across the country applied for the five 2019 military scholarships.

As a military scholarship recipient, Burton will receive \$8,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to the underserved. Burton is a graduate of the University of South Dakota in Vermillion and is currently a master's student in the clinical rehabilitation counseling program at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock. Upon graduation, Burton intends to work with active-duty military, their families, and veterans. She would like to help them with transitions and separation during deployments, experiences they may encounter while deployed, and the transition to retired/civilian life. She would also like to assist the homeless veteran population, which has more difficulty seeking mental health services. Earning this scholarship will allow Burton to cultivate a stronger identity as a rehabilitation counselor, better serve the active-duty military and veteran population through evidence-based practices, and become a stronger advocate for the counseling profession.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded five \$8,000 [rural scholarships](http://nbccf.org) 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 2020. 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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