

# Tyler Resident Named 2023 VFW Help A Hero Scholar

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**TYLER, Texas** – Joseph Brewer of Tyler, a graduate student in the clinical psychology program at The University of Texas at Tyler, received \$5,000 as a 2023 “Help A Hero” Scholar. The scholarship program is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation and Sport Clips Haircuts.

“I appreciate Sport Clips and the VFW for selecting me for the Help A Hero scholarship,” said Brewer, who has served in the U.S. Marine Corps. “It made a huge difference in my life. Everyone who donated money has helped keep my educational goals alive, and for that I am deeply appreciative of all who played a part in it.”

At UT Tyler, he is a research assistant in the Enhancing Lives and Experiences of Veterans Affected by Traumatic Events or ELEVATE Research Lab, under assistant professor of psychology Dr. Adam McGuire.

“It’s an honor to see local veterans chosen for this prestigious scholarship,” said Mike Johnson, commander of VFW Carl Webb Post 1799 in Tyler. “Having served his country honorably, Joseph is a great example of a veteran whose service didn’t end after the military.”

Brewer will graduate with a UT Tyler master’s degree in clinical psychology with a neuropsychology specialization next summer.

Help A Hero Scholarships are awarded to qualified veterans across all branches of the military by sending the funds directly to the college or technical school of their choice. To apply for or learn more, visit [SportClips.com/Hero](https://www.sportclips.com/help-a-hero). Sport Clips, through its annual Help A Hero fundraiser, has contributed \$13 million to the VFW.

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