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## Adam Hall Awarded \$8,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Mansfield, OH—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Adam Hall of Mansfield, Ohio, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Youth (MFP-Y). As an NBCC MFP-Y fellow, Hall will receive funding and training to support his education and facilitate his service to underserved minority populations, with a specific focus on transitionage youth (ages 16–25).

The NBCC MFP-Y is made possible by a grant awarded to NBCC by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in September 2014. The Foundation is contracted by NBCC to administer the NBCC MFP-Y, as well as



training and collaboration activities, such as <u>webinars</u>, that are open to all National Certified Counselors (NCCs). The goal of the program is to reduce health disparities and improve behavioral health care outcomes for racially and ethnically diverse populations by increasing the number of available culturally competent behavioral health professionals.

The NBCC MFP will distribute \$8,000 education awards to Hall and the 30 other master's-level counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Hall is a graduate of Liberty University, in Lynchburg, Virginia, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in the clinical mental health counseling program at Ashland Theological Seminary, in Ohio. Hall currently works with at-risk youth that have experienced various forms of abuse and neglect in their lives. Hall also founded and operates a mentoring program for transition-age youth in a local community. Upon graduation, he plans to continue working with at-risk youth and expand his mentoring program to include an independent living residence where he can continue to give back to the community. Being awarded this fellowship will allow Hall to continue to pursue his passion for helping others.

The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-Y application period in September 2016. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, 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 60,000 National Certified Counselors in the United States and more than 50 countries. The Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.