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Danielle Holly Johnson Awarded \$8,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Lusby, MD—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Danielle Holly Johnson of Lusby, Maryland, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Youth (MFP-Y). As an NBCC MFP-Y fellow, Johnson will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her service to underserved minority populations, with a specific focus on transition-age 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 [webinars](#), 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 Johnson and the 30 other master's-level counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Johnson is a graduate of Ferrum College, in Virginia, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in the clinical mental health counseling program at Regent University, in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Upon graduation, Johnson intends to work with culturally and ethnically diverse transition-age youth in areas where access to counseling services is limited. She would also like to work with individuals who have a history of significant trauma and co-occurring disorders. Earning this fellowship will allow Johnson to attend a trauma internship this summer in India, where she will provide consultation and individual counseling to women and marginal groups like persons with disabilities. In addition to learning various trauma counseling interventions, Johnson will also receive training in conducting presentations to large groups of individuals and onsite supervision.

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.

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