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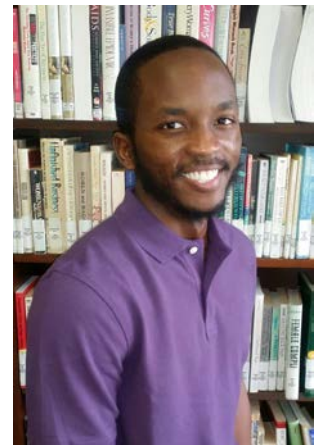
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Fulterius Maurice King Awarded \$8,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Jacksonville, FL—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Fulterius Maurice King of Jacksonville, Florida, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Youth (MFP-Y). As an NBCC MFP-Y fellow, King will receive funding and training to support his education and facilitate his 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 King and the 30 other master's-level counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. King is a graduate of Georgia State University, in Atlanta, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in the clinical mental health counseling program at the University of North Florida, in Jacksonville. Upon graduation, King plans to work with LGBT youth and racial minorities. His primary interest is LGBT African-American males and how they cope and manage stress. He is particularly interested in investigating societal stressors that may influence this group's mental well-being and identity development. King's goal is to learn more about developmental transitional stages specific for ethnic LGBT individuals to provide resources for counselors and better serve diverse populations. This fellowship will assist King in advocating for and bringing awareness of the needs of underprivileged groups.

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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