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## Kyle Elizabeth Kellner Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation

Syracuse, NY—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded a \$5,000 2016 NBCC Foundation military scholarship to Kyle Elizabeth Kellner, of Syracuse, New York. 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. Nearly 30 students from across the country applied for the five 2016 military scholarships.

As a military scholarship recipient, Kellner will receive \$5,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to the underserved. Kellner is both a student and graduate of Syracuse University, in New York, where she is currently enrolled in the master's in clinical mental health counseling program. Upon graduation, Kellner intends to work with the veterans, service members, and their families who keep our country safe. As a spouse to an active-duty soldier and combat veteran, she is proud to be personally connected to the military community. She is currently completing her internship at the Syracuse VA Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic and looks forward to continuing to serve the military population after graduation. Earning this scholarship will allow Kellner to continue funding her educational and career goals of providing excellent mental health services to military personnel and their families.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded five \$5,000 rural scholarships 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 September 2016. For more information or to make a gift in support of the Foundation's mission, please visit <u>www.nbccf.org</u>.

## 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 (NCCs) 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.