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### **Michael McAndrew Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation**

Harrisonburg, VA—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 Michael McAndrew, of Harrisonburg, Virginia. 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, McAndrew will receive \$5,000 to support his counseling education and recognize his commitment to the underserved. A graduate of East Carolina University, in Greenville, North Carolina, McAndrew is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at Eastern Mennonite University, in Harrisonburg, Virginia. After graduation, McAndrew will use his knowledge of the difficulties that affect veterans and their families during the transition home to help them readjust to their communities of choice. In particular, he would like to work with veterans and their families who are suffering from drug and alcohol problems. McAndrew hopes to work in a variety of settings, including the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs, community mental health, and private practice. Earning this scholarship will give McAndrew the opportunity to learn more psychodynamic techniques and ways to apply them to treat the difficult problem of veterans' reintegration into society and the trauma and social stigma that often accompanies this.

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 [www.nbccf.org](http://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 (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.

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