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Victoria D. Grant Awarded \$8,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Bogalusa, LA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Victoria D. Grant of Bogalusa, Louisiana, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Youth (MFP-Y). As an NBCC MFP-Y fellow, Grant 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 Grant and the 30 other master's-level counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Grant is both a student and graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University, in Hammond, where she is pursuing a master's degree in the school counseling program. Upon graduation, Grant plans to work with underserved minority, first-generation and nontraditional students to guide and empower their academic success. She also has a passion to assist and engage with minority individuals who previously have been incarcerated and are facing societal reentry. This fellowship will enable Grant to foster leadership skills, establish a stronger professional identity in the counseling field, and provide opportunities to build an exemplary networking relationship with colleagues.

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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