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Marlene J. Travis Receives Rural Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Ellensburg, WA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded an \$8,000 2018 NBCC Foundation rural scholarship to Marlene J. Travis, of Ellensburg, Washington. The rural scholarship is awarded to counseling students who are from rural communities and commit to practicing in rural areas upon graduation.

The mission of the NBCC Foundation is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change. The Foundation created the rural scholarship in 2009 to improve access to counseling services in rural communities, which suffer disproportionately from a lack of mental health care. More than 75 students from across the country applied for the six 2018 rural scholarships.

As a rural scholarship recipient, Travis will receive \$8,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to the underserved. A graduate of Nyack College, in South Nyack, New York, and of Boston University, in Massachusetts, Travis is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at Walden University, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Upon graduation, Travis intends to work with teens and adults in rural areas where mental health services are typically lacking. Earning this scholarship will permit Travis to attend school full time, allowing her to complete academic and practical requirements in a timely fashion. Her focus on ethical and evidence-based practices is a cornerstone of her professional identity. As an advocate for clients, Travis will be equipped as a scholarly practitioner in her rural community.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded six \$8,000 [military scholarships](#) to increase the number of counselors serving fellow military personnel, veterans, and their families. 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 fall 2018. For more information or to make a gift in support of scholars like these, 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 64,000 board-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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