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Richard R. Etter Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Delta, OH—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded a \$8,000 2017 NBCC Foundation military scholarship to Richard R. Etter, of Delta, Ohio. 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 40 students from across the country applied for the six 2017 military scholarships.

As a military scholarship recipient, Etter will receive \$8,000 to support his counseling education and recognize his commitment to the underserved. Etter is both a student and graduate of The University of Toledo, in Ohio, where he is currently pursuing a master's in the clinical mental health counseling program. Upon graduation, Etter intends to work with military veterans and their family members. As a current member of the U.S. Army Reserve, he plans on using his 17 years of active and reserve military experience in addition to his master's degree training to help focus on military members and their families and the issues they encounter during pre- and post-deployment transitions as well as normal everyday stress that service members encounter within their chosen profession. Etter hopes to work at the Veterans Affairs Administration, Department of Defense agencies, or alongside active duty members who are struggling with readjustment to everyday life, particularly with issues such as fitting back in with family, combat stress/PTSD, and substance abuse. Earning this scholarship will allow Etter to attend more in depth psychotherapy training, such as EMDR, to assist service members in reducing the mental health effects they received while serving their country.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded five \$8,000 [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 2017. For more information or to make a gift to support 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 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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