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### Charlette Jackson Awarded \$11,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Dillon, SC—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Charlette Jackson, of Dillon, South Carolina, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC fellow, Jackson will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her addictions counseling service to underserved minority transition-age youth (ages 16–25).

The NBCC MFP-AC 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-AC, 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 available number of culturally competent behavioral health professionals.

The NBCC MFP will distribute up to \$11,000 to Jackson and the 17 other master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Jackson is a graduate of Coker College, in Hartsville, South Carolina, and is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at Walden University, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Upon graduation, Jackson plans to work with active duty military personnel and veterans due to the shortage of mental health providers within the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs. She also would like to have a long and productive career assisting marginalized groups of people across races/ethnicities, sexual orientations, and disability groups, especially in addictions. Earning this fellowship will allow Jackson to attend state and national conferences and aid in tuition and residency requirements. It will also allow Jackson to focus on her development, equipping her to serve those who are not being served or who are underserved in their substance abuse and mental health needs.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 23 \$20,000 [doctoral fellowships](#) through the Minority Fellowship Program, 30 \$8,000 master's-level fellowships through the [MFP-Youth](#) (MFP-Y) program, and 31 additional [MFP-AC](#) fellowships this year. The Foundation will open the next NBCC Minority Fellowship Program application period in September 2017. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit [www.nbccf.org/programs/scholarships](http://www.nbccf.org/programs/scholarships).

#### 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 63,000 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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