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Keith Norman Awarded \$8,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Laurel, MD—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Keith Norman of Laurel, Maryland, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Youth (MFP-Y). As an NBCC MFP-Y fellow, Norman will receive funding and training to support his education and facilitate his 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 Norman and the 30 other master's-level counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Norman is a graduate of Florida Memorial University, in Miami Gardens, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in the pastoral counseling program at Loyola University Maryland, in Baltimore. Upon graduation, Norman looks forward to working with underserved transition-age minority youth within faith-based communities. Norman is dedicated to improving awareness of counseling as a useful preventative resource for mental health and wellness. Earning this fellowship will allow him to participate in advanced professional counseling therapy training, receive mentoring, supervision, and coaching from counseling practitioners, and allow access to evidence-based resources within his counseling theoretical orientation.

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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