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Melissa E. McGee Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation

Laramie, WY—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded a \$5,000 2016 NBCC Foundation military scholarship to Melissa E. McGee, of Laramie, Wyoming. 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 30 students from across the country applied for the five 2016 military scholarships.

As a military scholarship recipient, McGee will receive \$5,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to the underserved. McGee is both a student and graduate of the University of Wyoming, in Laramie, where she is currently a master's student in the school counseling program. McGee is passionate about helping military families cope with deployments, loss, financial problems, reintegration and marital conflict. In becoming a licensed counselor, she will be able to make a bigger difference and create new programs to encourage resiliency in both schools and military families. McGee has made it her mission in life to serve military members and their families. Along with obtaining her master's degree and using it to make a difference in the lives of those who are suffering, she plans to continue to make an impact on her community through volunteer service. This scholarship will help her achieve her goal of proactively giving military families the needed tools, strategies, and support that so often comes too late.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded five \$5,000 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 2016. For more information or to make a gift in support of the Foundation's mission, 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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