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Samantha Adams Awarded \$8,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Mableton, GA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Samantha Adams of Mableton, Georgia, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Youth (MFP-Y). As an NBCC MFP-Y fellow, Adams will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her 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 Adams and the 30 other master's-level counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Adams is a graduate of Point University, in West Point, Georgia, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in the clinical mental health counseling program at Argosy University Atlanta, in Georgia. Upon graduation, Adams plans to work with at-risk youth who have been sexually trafficked. She would like to specialize in trauma and addiction, and is interested in focusing on minority youth who have little to no access to mental health counseling. This fellowship will allow Adams to become certified as an addictions counselor and to study trauma. With this fellowship she looks forward to attending conferences and participating in continuing education so that she can be better equipped to serve marginalized populations. She also looks forward to the Foundation's mentor supervision program.

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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