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### Shabria L. Caldwell Awarded \$5,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates

Macon, GA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Shabria L. Caldwell of Atlanta, Georgia, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Youth (MFP-Y). As an NBCC MFP-Y Fellow, Caldwell 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 available number of culturally competent behavioral health professionals.

The NBCC MFP will distribute \$5,000 to Caldwell and the 39 other master's-level counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Caldwell is a graduate of Georgia State University in Atlanta and is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. Caldwell's future goals include working with minority women and youth to achieve higher levels of mental and physical well-being and fighting against the socioeconomic injustices that affect these populations. She plans not only to provide counseling services, but also to serve as an advocate for the many who are seemingly overlooked or misunderstood. This fellowship will foster that goal by providing the first open door in that direction. Through the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program, she looks forward to furthering her professional development, gaining new opportunities, and establishing a foundation that will lead her to great places.

The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-Y application period in September 2015. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit [www.nbccf.org](http://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 55,000 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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