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### Bryce Lynne Barrett Receives Rural Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Mount Airy, GA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded an \$8,000 NBCC Foundation rural scholarship to Bryce Lynne Barrett, of Mount Airy, Georgia. The rural scholarship is awarded to master’s-level counseling students who are from rural communities and commit to practicing in rural areas upon graduation.

The mission of the NBCC Foundation is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change. The Foundation created the rural scholarship in 2009 to improve access to counseling services in rural communities, which suffer disproportionately from a lack of mental health care. The NBCC Foundation awarded six \$8,000 [rural scholarships](#) for the 2020–2021 award year.

As a rural scholarship recipient, Barrett will receive \$8,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to underserved communities. Barrett is a graduate of Toccoa Falls College and is currently enrolled as a master’s student in the clinical mental health counseling program at the University of North Georgia. Upon graduation, Barrett intends to work with individuals and families impacted by addiction, particularly those who have experienced trauma. Earning this scholarship will allow Barrett to focus on her own independent study, pursue certifications and trainings in areas related to addiction and trauma, and ultimately maintain a healthier balance between being a full-time student and a mother. Barrett has a strong passion for rural communities and believes this scholarship will allow her to become better equipped to combat the stigma associated with addiction and advocate for the inclusion of trauma-informed practices and interventions in the field of addiction.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded six \$8,000 [military scholarships](#) to increase the number of counselors serving fellow military personnel, veterans, and their families. 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 spring 2021. Through the NBCC Foundation scholarship programs, over \$860,000 has been awarded to over 200 counseling students working to provide effective, culturally competent services to underserved populations. For more information or to make a gift in support of scholars like these, 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 66,000 board certified counselors in the United States and over 50 countries. The Foundation’s mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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