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## Kate Marie Dorrrough Receives Rural Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Young Harris, GA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded an \$8,000 2019 NBCC Foundation rural scholarship to Kate Marie Dorrrough, of Young Harris, Georgia. The rural scholarship is awarded to 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. More than 50 students from across the country applied for the five 2019 rural scholarships.

As a rural scholarship recipient, Dorrrough will receive \$8,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to the underserved. Dorrrough is a graduate of the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis and is currently a master's student in the clinical rehabilitation counseling program at Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia. Upon receiving her master's degree, she intends to serve persons with seen and unseen disabilities in the Appalachian region. This scholarship provides fertile ground for Dorrrough to engage in research endeavors to better serve her community, bolster her professional identity, and advocate for the art and science of counseling.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded five \$8,000 [military scholarships](http://nbccf.org) 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 2020. For more information or to make a gift in support of scholars like these, please visit [nbccf.org](http://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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