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**Mauricio Daniel Zumba Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation**

Colorado Springs, CO—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded an \$8,000 2019 NBCC Foundation military scholarship to Mauricio Daniel Zumba, of Colorado Springs, Colorado. 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. More than 50 students from across the country applied for the six 2019 military scholarships.

As a military scholarship recipient, Zumba will receive up to \$8,000 to support his counseling education and recognize his commitment to the underserved. Zumba is a graduate of Eastern Washington University, in Cheney, and is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at the University of Colorado, in Colorado Springs. Upon graduation, Zumba intends to work with veteran and military service members who struggle with experiences of trauma, readjustment, and reintegration post-deployment. Earning this scholarship will allow Zumba to sharpen his understanding and skill in the role and usage of neuroscience in counseling to provide integrative evidence-based approaches to service members and veterans who may struggle with comorbid traumatic brain injury and PTSD.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded seven [rural scholarships](#) of up to \$8,000 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 spring 2020. For more information or to make a gift to support 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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