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### **Michelle Malone Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation**



Chicago, IL—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 Michelle Malone, of Chicago, Illinois. 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, Malone will receive up to \$8,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to the underserved. Malone is both a student and graduate of Chicago State University, in Illinois, where she is currently pursuing a master's degree in the school counseling program. Upon graduation, Malone intends to work with minority high school students, particularly those who are living in communities most affected by gun violence. She plans to guide young people in making informed postsecondary career choices in those schools with limited resources. She would also like to continue to work with veteran families who are experiencing mental health and career challenges. Earning this scholarship will enable Malone to continue her education and ultimately gain the professional skills necessary to advocate and guide the underserved in her community.

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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