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### Ne'Shaun J. Borden Awarded \$20,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Norfolk, VA—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Ne'Shaun J. Borden, of Norfolk, Virginia, for the National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program (NBCC MFP). As an NBCC MFP Fellow, Borden will receive funding and training to support her education and facilitate her service to underserved minority populations.

The NBCC MFP is made possible by a grant awarded to the NBCC Foundation by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The Foundation administers the MFP, including training and collaboration activities, such as [webinars](#), that are open to all National Certified Counselors (NCCs). The goal of the program is to strengthen the infrastructure that engages diverse individuals in counseling and increases the number of professional counselors providing effective, culturally competent services to underserved populations.

The NBCC Foundation will distribute \$20,000 to Borden and the other 19 doctoral counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Borden is a graduate of the University of North Florida, in Jacksonville, and of Florida State University, in Tallahassee, and is currently a doctoral student in the counselor education and supervision program at Old Dominion University in, Norfolk, Virginia. Borden is currently working to develop an instrument that can be used to screen for mental health concerns in adolescent girls entering the juvenile justice system. Through this work, Borden hopes to continue to expand her knowledge of the juvenile justice system and ways to support and divert girls from continued involvement with the courts. Borden's research interests also include first-generation college students, advocacy in counseling, and multicultural issues in counseling. She is currently a graduate teaching assistant, teaching undergraduate courses in human services at Old Dominion University and the assistant editor for the Journal of Human Services. Borden is also a clinical intern in an office-based opioid treatment clinic where she works with underserved populations. This award will allow her to continue her research with underserved populations and provide support to share her findings at local, regional, and national conferences. In the future, Borden would like to seek additional clinical training specific to working with at-risk youth and their families.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 30 \$10,000 [master's-level fellowships](#) through the MFP-Mental Health Counseling-Master's (MFP-MHC-M) and 40 [master's-level fellowships](#) of \$15,000 through the MFP-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP application period in fall 2019. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit [www.nbccf.org/Programs/Fellows](http://www.nbccf.org/Programs/Fellows).

#### 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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