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Nicole Gabriel Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Canal Winchester, OH—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 Nicole Gabriel, of Canal Winchester, Ohio. 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, Gabriel will receive up to \$8,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to the underserved. Gabriel is a graduate of The Ohio State University, in Columbus, and is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at the University of Dayton, in Dublin, Ohio. After graduation, Gabriel intends to give back to the military community in a new capacity by serving veterans and their families. She intends to be a strong advocate for increased mental health services for veterans and to break down the barrier of stigma for veterans seeking assistance for their mental well-being. Additionally, she wants to provide counseling services for victims of military sexual assault and incarcerated women veterans. Earning this scholarship will allow Gabriel to focus on growing as a professional counselor by attending training and conferences to learn evidenced-based practices to better serve the military 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.

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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