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Richard Drew Snyder Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Ashland, OR—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 Richard Drew Snyder, of Ashland, Oregon. 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, Snyder will receive up to \$8,000 to support his counseling education and recognize his commitment to the underserved. Snyder is both a student and graduate of Southern Oregon University, in Ashland, where she is currently pursuing a master's degree in the clinical mental health counseling program. Upon graduation, Snyder intends to work with adults in underserved populations experiencing mental health crises and relational difficulties, but particularly focusing on veterans and military members who are struggling as a result of their military experiences. A veteran himself, Snyder is passionate about equipping people with practical coping and communication tools, as well as helping to cultivate meaning and hope in one's life. He would also like to work with people who are often marginalized and where mental health services are typically lacking. Earning this scholarship will allow Snyder to choose internships and learn evidence-based practices to better counsel underserved populations at agencies dedicated to the 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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