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Tracy Lee Boyd Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Portland, 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 Tracy Lee Boyd, of Portland, 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, Boyd will receive up to \$8,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to the underserved. Boyd is a graduate of Portland State University, in Oregon, and is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at George Fox University, in Portland, Oregon. Upon graduation, Boyd plans to work with veterans, particularly blinded veterans. She considers it an honor to provide counseling services to those brave individuals that freely put their lives on the line for the service of our country. The NBCC Foundation's commitment to bridging the gaps by prioritizing enhanced care for underserved communities, as well as its mission to increase access to mental health resources for underserved and never-served populations, is in perfect alignment with Boyd's passion of serving veterans and their families. Earning the 2019 NBCC military scholarship will allow her to benefit greatly from NBCC's continuing education opportunities, such as webinars and symposiums. Boyd also believes the mentorship she will receive will provide her with the unique prospect to remain open to new approaches and concepts, which will shape her into an ever-growing professional clinical mental health counselor.

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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