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### Brad Thayer Receives Rural Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Bisbee, AZ—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded a \$8,000 2017 NBCC Foundation rural scholarship to Brad Thayer, of Bisbee, Arizona. The rural scholarship is awarded to counseling students who are from rural communities and commit to practicing in rural areas upon graduation.

The mission of the NBCC Foundation is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change. The Foundation created the rural scholarship in 2009 to improve access to counseling services in rural communities, which suffer disproportionately from a lack of mental health care. Nearly 100 students from across the country applied for the five 2017 rural scholarships.

As a rural scholarship recipient, Thayer will receive \$8,000 to support his counseling education and recognize his commitment to the underserved. A graduate of Carroll University, in Waukesha, Wisconsin, Thayer is currently a master's student in the mental health counseling program at Capella University, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Thayer intends to work with children and families with trauma histories in an effort to provide quality treatment to those in the rural community. With the increased access to best practice interventions, Thayer hopes to impact the cyclical effects of trauma that can often plague a rural community due to limited access to high-quality interventions. With this scholarship, Thayer hopes to increase his level of certifications to not only help his future clients but to support the mental health community and provide training and education to his peers. This drive to provide professional growth and development to others comes from his passion to improve his community and pay forward the opportunities granted to him by receiving this scholarship.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded six \$8,000 [military scholarships](#) to increase the number of counselors serving fellow military personnel, veterans and their families. 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 September 2017. For more information or to make a gift in support of 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 60,000 National Certified Counselors (NCCs) in the United States and more than 50 countries. The Foundation's mission is to leverage the power of counseling by strategically focusing resources for positive change.

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