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Kalleen H. Steele Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Denver, CO—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded an \$8,000 2018 NBCC Foundation military scholarship to Kalleen H. Steele, of Denver, Colorado. 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 40 students from across the country applied for the six 2018 military scholarships.

As a military scholarship recipient, Steele will receive \$8,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to the underserved. A graduate of Saint Louis University, in Missouri, Steele is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at the University of Colorado Denver. Upon graduation, Steele intends to build a private practice to work with veterans, military families, and first responders. She hopes her prior military service combined with her counseling education and training will help bridge the gap between the need for services within this population and the cultural civil–military divide that often deters veterans from seeking services. Steele intends to use this scholarship for a certification program in addiction counseling to better serve her future clients.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded six \$8,000 [rural scholarships](#) 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 fall 2018. 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 64,000 board-certified counselors 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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