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Samantha Dawn Wiederrecht Receives Rural Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Douglas, WY—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 Samantha Dawn Wiederrecht, of Douglas, Wyoming. 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, Wiederrecht will receive \$8,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to the underserved. A graduate of the University of Wyoming, in Laramie, Wiederrecht is currently a master's student in the school counseling program at the University of Wyoming at Casper. Upon graduation, she looks forward to serving the rural communities in her home state of Wyoming, where mental health services are limited. A social justice advocate at heart, her passion for at-risk youth, marginalized populations and suicide prevention drive her educational and professional goals. Earning this scholarship will enable her to continue her education without the added stress of additional student debt.

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.

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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