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Temoc Rafael Torres Receives Rural Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Blackfoot, ID—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 Temoc Rafael Torres, of Blackfoot, Idaho. 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, Torres will receive \$8,000 to support his counseling education and recognize his commitment to the underserved. A graduate of Brigham Young University - Idaho, in Rexburg, Torres is currently a master's student in the marriage, couple and family counseling program at Idaho State University, in Pocatello. After graduating, Torres wants to help the rural population in Blackfoot. He wants to continue to give presentations at the local high schools and give hope to those that have none. Torres also wants to continue to educate people about counseling and the many benefits it has to offer. As a native Spanish speaker, he wants to bridge the current gap that exists between the culture and counseling. Torres knows how blessed he has been and strives to finish his program so that he can do what he has always wanted to do—give back to the people and become a servant of the community.

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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