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Elizabeth Burgin Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation

Colorado Springs, CO— The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded a \$5,000 2015 NBCC Foundation military scholarship to Elizabeth Burgin, of Colorado Springs, 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. Thirty-five students from across the country applied for the five 2015 military scholarships.

As a military scholarship recipient, Burgin will receive \$5,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to the underserved. A graduate of Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, Burgin is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. After graduation, she will focus her professional development on working with military families, and she plans to specialize in trauma and addictions recovery. Burgin looks forward to the additional support from the scholarship allowing her to pursue training in trauma-informed-care and crisis response.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded five \$5,000 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 September 2015. For more information or to make a gift in support of the Foundation's mission, 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 55,000 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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