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## NBCC Foundation Awards 2018 Scholarship to Jamekia Bies



Birmingham, AL—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded one of the 2018 NBCC Foundation Board Certified Coach (BCC) tuition assistance program scholarships to Jamekia Bies, of Birmingham, Alabama. The goal of this scholarship program is to increase the number of available Board Certified Coaches. Ms. Bies will receive up to \$3,000 to cover the costs of an approved BCC training.

Ms. Bies is the senior director for a local Birmingham organization that provides childcare to children of homeless and low-income families. She received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa; Master of Science in guidance and counseling from the University of West Alabama, Livingston; and Education Specialist degree in school counseling from the University of West Alabama, Livingston. She holds the National

Certified Counselor (NCC) and National Certified School Counselor (NCSC) from NBCC. She currently holds certification as an Alabama school counselor. She is the founder of Flowers by Faith, an organization of women committed through their faith to impact and empower women, children, and their community. Ms. Bies has extensive experience working with diverse underserved individuals affected by homelessness, mental health, and trauma. She is past president, 2017–2018, of Chapter IV of the Alabama Counseling Association. Her goal as a BCC is to coach and empower individuals who experience difficult life transitions and desire personal and/or professional change. Ms Bies plans to create successful approaches for individuals to live life with divine purpose.

For more information or to make a donation, visit <u>nbccf.org</u>. The Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE), a platinum sponsor of the Foundation, provides the grant funding for this award. More information about the BCC and other CCE credentials is available at cce-global.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 65,000 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.