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Jonathan Yellowhair Awarded \$11,000 Counseling Fellowship From NBCC and Affiliates



Flagstaff, AZ—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), recently selected Jonathan Yellowhair, of Flagstaff, Arizona, for the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program-Addictions Counselors (MFP-AC). As an NBCC MFP-AC Fellow, Yellowhair will receive funding and training to support his education and facilitate his addictions counseling service to underserved minority transition-age youth (ages 16–25).

The NBCC MFP-AC is made possible by a grant awarded to NBCC by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in September 2014. The Foundation is contracted by NBCC to administer the NBCC MFP-AC, as well as training and collaboration activities, such as [webinars](#), that are open to all National Certified Counselors (NCCs). The goal of the program is to reduce health disparities and improve behavioral health care outcomes for racially and ethnically diverse populations by increasing the

available number of culturally competent behavioral health professionals.

The NBCC MFP will distribute up to \$11,000 to Yellowhair and the 33 other master's-level addictions counseling students selected to receive the fellowship award. Yellowhair is a graduate of Northern Arizona University, in Flagstaff, and is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at Georgia State University, in Atlanta. Upon graduation, Yellowhair's aspirations consolidate around devoting his efforts toward indigenous youth to ease the transition from communities where trauma, such as addiction and suicide, are commonplace. He plans to utilize his work and volunteer experiences with marginalized communities while living in Atlanta to tailor therapy and treatments to help alleviate current stigmas surrounding mental health on the Navajo Nation. Receiving this fellowship will grant Yellowhair access to extensive resources to achieve that goal and provide the space for continual growth in his professional career as a clinical mental health counselor. With the help of the fellowship, Yellowhair can continue his pursuits in academia and advocate for the Navajo Tribe through conferences and trainings on a national level.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded 23 \$20,000 [doctoral fellowships](#) through the Minority Fellowship Program and 30 \$8,000 master's-level fellowships through the [MFP-Youth](#) (MFP-Y). The Foundation plans to open the next NBCC MFP-AC application period in fall 2018. To learn more about the NBCC MFP and its fellows, please visit <http://www.nbccf.org/Programs/Fellows>.

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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