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M. A. Bullock Receives Military Scholarship From the NBCC Foundation



Jacksonville, NC—The NBCC Foundation, an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC), recently awarded an \$8,000 2018 NBCC Foundation military scholarship to M. A. Bullock, of Jacksonville, North Carolina. 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. More than 40 students from across the country applied for the six 2018 military scholarships.

As a military scholarship recipient, Bullock will receive \$8,000 to support her counseling education and recognize her commitment to the underserved. A graduate of The University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Bullock is currently a master's student in the clinical mental health counseling program at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Upon graduation, Bullock intends to serve the mental health and substance abuse treatment needs of military personnel and their families. Bullock is committed to being an advocate for and providing holistic, evidence-based counseling services to military personnel and their families. Bullock intends to work to reduce the stigma surrounding seeking mental health services for military personnel. Earning this scholarship will allow her to continue with her education, be of service to the military community, build a professional identity, and serve a population that has uniquely complex needs.

The NBCC Foundation has also awarded six \$8,000 [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 fall 2018. For more information or to make a gift to support 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 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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