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To Whom It May Concern,

The Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education® (AFCPE®) and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, in partnership with Blue Star Families and the National Military Family Association (NMFA), will accept applications for the 2020 FINRA Foundation Military Spouse Fellowship Program (http://bit.ly/FINRAFoundationMSF) beginning March 1, 2020.

The program provides up to 50 military spouses with the education necessary to earn the AFC® (Accredited Financial Counselor®) certification and enter the financial counseling career field. Upon completion of the program, Fellows continue to support the military community as financial counselors at family readiness and support centers, credit counseling and tax centers, financial aid offices, and banks/credit unions throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Since the program's inception in 2006, FINRA Foundation Military Spouse Fellows have provided financial counseling and education to more than 191,000 military servicemembers and spent more than 475,000 hours helping military families reach their financial goals.

The AFC® certification represents the highest standard in financial counseling and education, is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) and recognized by the Department of Defense (DoD). AFC® professionals are able to:

- Educate clients in sound financial principles;
- Assist clients in the process of overcoming their financial indebtedness;
- Help clients identify and modify ineffective money management behaviors;
- Guide clients in developing successful strategies for achieving their financial goals;
- Support clients as they work through their financial challenges and opportunities; and
- Help clients develop new perspectives on the dynamics of money in relation to family, friends and individual self-esteem.

With the recent updates to the military retirement system, there is an even greater need for well-trained, ethical and caring financial counselors to meet the increasing demand for financial counseling services. The FINRA Foundation Military Spouse Program is unique, because it allows military spouses to fill this need while building a rewarding career that is flexible to the demands of the military family lifestyle.

The application period runs from March 1, 2020 – June 1, 2020. Please share this opportunity with your military spouse networks.

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