National Board Certified Teachers Scholarship

Education Minnesota Foundation for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Mission: Education Minnesota’s Foundation for Excellence in Teaching and Learning: promoting vision, best practice and achievement

In an effort to generate ongoing improvement in schools nationwide, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) offers a professional certification in K-12 education called National Board Certification. Thanks to a generous contribution from Tradition Mortgage, the Education Minnesota Foundation will fund scholarships up to $500 per component (up to $1,000 per applicant) once per school year for Education Minnesota members who have not requested reimbursement of the $5 assessment fee to the Foundation and who are licensed to teach working toward National Board Certification.

The intent of this scholarship is to encourage motivated members who have not yet been through the National Board Certification process. Preference is given to applicants moving through the process for the first time, although members trying to get recertified may also apply for this scholarship.

Scholarship recipients do not need to be completed with their certification to receive the scholarship, but scholarships will be held until proof of payment for the National Board Certification process has been submitted to the Education Minnesota Foundation.

Deadline: 4 p.m., November 1, 2019
Scholarship awarded by: January 2020
Funds to be spent by: December 2020

The process to become a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) is demanding, complex, and requires commitment. The Foundation Board encourages applicants for this scholarship ensure they have a support system in place to help complete the certification process. For more information on becoming a NBCT in Minnesota, please visit the Minnesota National Board Certified Teacher Network on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/NBPTSMN.

Signed and scanned applications in .pdf format can be emailed to foundation@edmn.org. Applicants may also apply online at: www.edmnfoundation.org. All applications are reviewed by the Board of Trustees of the Foundation—teachers and education support professionals who are members of Education Minnesota.
Questions to ask yourself before beginning the application process

- Am I an active member of Education Minnesota?
- Do I have a reasonable expectation of being in a position to complete National Board Certification?
- Do I have a support system in place to help me through the certification process?
- Have I considered how the process of certification will impact my workload and personal life?

If you answered “yes” to these questions and you did not request reimbursement of the $5 assessment to the Foundation, you should feel confident that the Foundation will give your project serious consideration.
National Board Certified Teachers Scholarship: Data Sheet

APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE DATA SHEET AND ADDRESS ALL NARRATIVE QUESTIONS.

☐ One Component  ☐ Two Components  ☐ Yes  ☐ No
$500  $1,000

Applicant name: ________________________________________________________________

Area of certification (see last page for certificate area names): ________________________

Total amount requested: $ ______________________________________________________

Applicant’s job title/assignment: ________________________________________________

Home address, city, state, ZIP: __________________________________________________

Mobile phone: _________________________________________________________________

Email address: _________________________________________________________________

Worksite: _____________________________________________________________________

Worksite address, city, state, ZIP: _______________________________________________

Work phone: ___________________________________________________________________

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The Education Minnesota Foundation will only fund proposals that are the original work of the person submitting the grant request. Applicants are not permitted to submit the work of anyone else as their own. My signature below indicates that I am the author of this proposal and I have properly attributed authorship to the extent I have based this proposal on the work of others.

Signature: __________________________

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS OFFICE NO LATER THAN 4 P.M. ON THE DUE DATE.

Mail/email applications to:
Education Minnesota Foundation for Excellence in Teaching and Learning
41 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul, MN 55103-2196
foundation@edmn.org – 800-652-9073

Apply online at: www.edmfnfoundation.org

Note: Please expect a confirmation email within one week of submitting your application. If you do not hear back from the Foundation with a confirmation that your application was received, please contact Sam Jasenosky at sam.jasenosky@edmn.org or 651-292-4869.

YOUR LOCAL/AFFILIATE PRESIDENT SHOULD COMPLETE THIS SECTION.

Local/affiliate organization: ____________________________________________________________

Local/affiliate president’s name (please print): ____________________________________________

President’s email: ________________________________________________________________

My signature below indicates that I am aware of this application and should this project be awarded grant funds, the local agrees to support the member. My signature also certifies that the applicant is an Education Minnesota member holding active membership status, and the local affiliate will act as fiscal agent for grant funds.

Signature of president: ______________________________________________________________

Date: __________________________

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National Board Certified Teachers Scholarship: Narrative

APPLICANTS MUST ADDRESS ALL NARRATIVE QUESTIONS.

Please use double spacing, Times New Roman 12-point type on single-sided paper. Be sure to number and label your responses.

1. **Motivation**

The Education Minnesota Foundation Board wants to see that applicants have identified a reason for working toward National Board Certification. Describe your motivation for pursuing National Board Certification.

2. **Familiarity**

The process of becoming a National Board Certified Teacher can be complex and sometimes confusing. Please describe your degree of familiarity with the National Board Certification process.

3. **Plan of action**

The Foundation Board looks for scholarship applications that use a clearly defined and feasible plan of action.

   a. Describe the support system on which you will rely to help you navigate the certification process.

   b. Explain how you have considered the impact the process of certification will have on your workload and personal life.

   c. Include a timeline for the completion of the certification process.
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: Areas of certification

**Art**
- Early and Middle Childhood
- Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

**Career and Technical Education**
- Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

**English as a New Language**
- Early and Middle Childhood
- Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

**English Language Arts**
- Early Adolescence
- Adolescence and Young Adulthood

**Exceptional Needs Specialist**
- Early Childhood through Young Adulthood

**Generalist**
- Early Childhood
- Middle Childhood

**Health Education**
- Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

**Library Media**
- Early Childhood through Young Adulthood

**Literacy: Reading–Language Arts**
- Early and Middle Childhood

**Mathematics**
- Early Adolescence
- Adolescence and Young Adulthood

**Music**
- Early and Middle Childhood
- Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

**Physical Education**
- Early and Middle Childhood
- Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

**School Counseling**
- Early Childhood through Young Adulthood

**Science**
- Early Adolescence
- Adolescence and Young Adulthood

**Social Studies–History**
- Early Adolescence
- Adolescence and Young Adulthood

**World Languages**
- Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood

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