National Board Certified Teachers Scholarship

Education Minnesota Foundation for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Mission: 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., Nov. 6, 2020
Scholarship awarded by: January 2021
Funds to be spent by: December 2021

The process to become a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) is demanding, complex, and requires commitment. The Foundation Board encourages applicants for this scholarship to 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—teacher, education support professionals and higher education faculty 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 application serious consideration.
National Board Certified Teachers Scholarship: Data Sheet

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

☐ One Component $500  ☐ Two Components $1,000  Is this your first attempt at National Board Certification? ☐ Yes  ☐ No

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: ______________________________________________________________

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: ___________________________________________________________________
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Apply online at www.edmnfoundation.org

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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: __________________________________________________________________________
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

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