

North Dakota

National Board Certification Funding

Program Description

North Dakota is pleased to announce that funding is available for National Board Certification through the Education Standards and Practices Board, with a federal subsidy match provided through a grant from the United States Department of Education, and administered through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Funding Available:

First Time Candidates: State funding available for one-half of assessment fees for up to 17 candidates each year. Remaining half of assessment fees will be matched with federal dollars.

Retakers: North Dakota does not have funding available for retake candidates.

Other: Funding available for up to three NBCT Renewal Candidates each year.

Application Deadline:

First Time Candidates: December 31

Other: Deadline for Renewal Candidates is December 31.



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Application Process and Pre-requisites:

Candidates may apply for a scholarship for one-half of first time candidate application fees, with the remaining half matched and paid with federal subsidy dollars. North Dakota's application window is open from July 1 to December 1 of each year. State funding can be provided for up to seventeen applicants, but is based on the amount of subsidy dollars the state is allotted each year.

As a prerequisite to National Board Certification, the applicant must:

- Have acquired a baccalaureate degree from a state-approved or accredited teacher education program;
- Hold a valid North Dakota educator's professional license;
- Have successfully completed at least three years of teaching at one or more elementary, middle, or secondary schools in North Dakota; and
- Currently be a North Dakota kindergarten through grade twelve public or nonpublic classroom instructor.

Applications are reviewed in the order they are received and approval is granted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Candidates will be notified regarding approval and will be instructed how to proceed with registration.

If for some reason a candidate chooses to withdraw from the National Board Certification process, they will be responsible to pay back half of all non-refundable fees to ESPB.

For additional information, please feel free to contact the Education Standards and Practices Board at 701-328-9641 or espbbinfo@nd.gov.

Additional State Information:

North Dakota will pay an individual who received National Board Certification before July 1, 2007, one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each year the individual has maintained and continues to maintain National Board Certification, provided the individual continues to be employed by a school district in this state. An individual may not receive more than four thousand dollars (\$4,000) under this subsection.

At the conclusion of each school year after an individual receives National Board Certification, the board shall pay to an individual an additional one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the life of the National Board Certification certificate if:

- The individual was employed during the school year as a full-time classroom teacher by a school district in this state; and
- If available, require the participant for a scholarship under this section to participate in any efforts of the employing school district to develop and implement teacher mentoring programs.

The payment provided for in this subsection is available beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.