



FACT SHEET

National Board Certification Scholarships

For Candidate Cycle 2015-16

CDE will be offering a \$250 one-time scholarship to assist in paying for certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards national certification. The assistance is only available for the first 26 candidates who are eligible and apply, and is only for certification from NBPTS. CDE reserves the right to apply scholarships to those individuals working in TP/PIP schools first.

Recognized Excellence

Achieving national certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Services has been recognized by the Colorado legislature as a mark of achievement in the teaching profession. 22-60.5-112.5 C.R.S. allows the funding of scholarships to aid in paying for the certification fee, but these must be funded each year. Colorado did not fund the scholarships during the last legislative session, but had some candidates who dropped the process and CDE is presently re-allocating those funds.

Assistance Guidelines

- Scholarships are first come, first served, to the first 26 who meet requirements.
- Subsequent applications will be added to a wait list.
- Candidates must agree to complete the drop notice if they will not complete the certification module. Funds are then re-assigned to the next candidate.
- There is no guarantee of funding.
- Notification of award will come via email only. Check your email regularly.
- Scholarship funds are credited to the candidate's NBPTS fund and cannot be received in cash.
- NBPTS can take up to 14 business days to apply funds to an account. Please be patient before logging into your NBPTS account to check the status.
- Scholarship applicants must be working in a Colorado public school.

Requirements

- ❖ Employed as a teacher or counselor in a Colorado public school setting, and
- ❖ Hold a valid Colorado Teacher's or Special Services Provider's License, and
- ❖ Set up a candidate account with the National Board for Professional Teaching Services, and
- ❖ Have not been funded by a prior NBPTS scholarship from the State of Colorado, and
- ❖ Apply and pay for at least one module for the 2015-16 candidate cycle, as well as the \$75 annual fee, and
- ❖ Complete a one-page essay detailing why you want to earn National Board Certification and how it will help you and your students work towards achieving high standards of teaching and learning.
- ❖ Complete, sign and date the application form. Return it and the essay to CDE via email or fax. Mailed forms are not accepted.

Where can I learn more?

- Via email to CDE, Office of Professional Services, Anne Marie Roberts at Roberts_a@cde.state.co.us
- From NBPTS at www.nbpts.org or at 1-800-22TEACH