



Alabama NBCT Scholarship



2023 NBCT Scholarship Application - Due

March 31

Must have a Google associated account to access the application. If you get an error message, it's likely because your school email account cannot complete forms with attachments. If that happens, log into your personal google account, and the form will load.

[Screenshot of Full Application](#) (for friendly printing and planning purposes)

NEW - Year 1 and Year 2 teachers may now apply. Previously, educators must have completed three successful years of teaching prior to beginning the National Board Certification process. The policy change now will open access to educators interested in the Board certification process by allowing them to begin the process of Board certification before completing three years of teaching experience. While this change allows educators to begin the process earlier, educators will need to complete three successful years of teaching employment to become Board-certified.

NEW - The annual household income threshold has been raised from \$120K to \$150K.

Recorded Webinar reviewing the NBPTS process and Scholarship Application [Video](#) (March 2021) and [Slides](#)

Additional Resources to Review

- [Guide to National Board Certification](#)
 - [NBPTS Five Core Propositions](#)
 - [Alabama NBCT Scholarship Recipient Calendar](#)
 - [Scholarship Scoring Matrix](#)
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Scholarship FAQs - For Spring 2023 Applicants

1Q. Is the scholarship for first-year NBCT candidates only?

A. No, although retakes **cannot** be scholarshipped.

2Q. Can I apply if I have already submitted one or more components?

A. Yes, but the scholarship will not pay for any components that you have already submitted (including those submitted this spring/summer). The scholarship will only pay for up to four components (up to \$1900) and no retakes.

3Q. Can I apply if I applied in a previous school year and didn't receive a scholarship?

A. Yes, If you have not previously received an Alabama NBCT scholarship, you are eligible to apply if you did not activate your scholarship and use funds.

4Q. What happens if my application is not received until after the deadline or is incomplete?

A. If an application is received after the deadline or is found to be incomplete, it will not be read or scored by the review panel and will not be considered for a scholarship.

5Q. Does the \$150,000 limit on household income refer to net or gross income?

A. You should use the Adjusted Gross Income that you report to the IRS for your household.

6Q. If my family receives disability payments or other tax-free payments, is this counted toward the \$150,000?

A. If these payments are exempt from your Adjusted Gross Income you report to the IRS, then you do not have to count them toward the \$150,000.

7Q. If I am awarded a scholarship, will I actually receive a check?

A. No, a check will be sent to the National Board office, and the funds will be credited to an account in your name.

8Q. If I am unable to complete the components within three years, does the scholarship end?

A. Yes, as a scholarship recipient, you must complete the NBCT portfolio (all four components) within the three-year time period, as required by the National Board.

9Q. If I move to another state before my three years are up, am I required to return the money?

A. Yes, you are required to reimburse any scholarship funds you have incurred if you do not teach an additional three years in an Alabama public school after receiving the scholarship.

10Q. Am I required to submit all 4 components in one year?

A. No, but you must submit at least one component each year, beginning next spring cycle (2024). All four components must be submitted within 3 years. Example: Year 1 - Component 1, Year 2 - Components 2 & 3, Year 3 - Component 4.

11Q. Are there any expenses related to NBCT that I am responsible for if I get a scholarship?

A. Yes, you are responsible for paying the \$75.00 registration fee each year of your candidacy (upon registering for specific components, normally due in February or March). We recommend that candidates DO NOT pay the registration fee prior to submitting this scholarship application (unless they are submitting components this 2023 cycle for which they are responsible for funding).

12Q: Can the scholarship cover National Board Renewal?

A. No, this scholarship only funds initial candidates.

13Q. If I don't receive NBCT certification after submitting all the components, do I have to return the money?

A. No, the scholarship does not depend on the success of your certification.

14Q. Can I begin working on the process while I await notification of my scholarship application?

A. Yes, you may begin working on any or all of the components. Just remember that if you do not receive the scholarship, you'll be responsible for the cost of submitting them (if you choose to move forward). The cost of each component is \$475. You can find your portfolio instructions [here](#).

15Q. Who decides who the scholarship winners are?

A. A review panel of Alabama National Board Certified Teachers and other educators will read and score the applications.

16Q. Will I hear something even if I don't get a scholarship?

A. Yes, you will be notified whether you receive a scholarship or not.

17Q. When will I hear if I did or didn't receive a scholarship?

A. You will be notified before May 14.

18Q. Will I receive notification via email or postal mail?

A. You will receive notification by email and/or postal mail.

19Q. Will I receive notification at my school or my home?

A. You will receive notification by postal mail at your home and/or email at the address provided on your application.

20Q: If I get the scholarship, where can I find support for this process?

A. Each Regional Inservice Center provides support to candidates through mentoring opportunities. If you receive the scholarship, your name and contact information will be provided to your Inservice Center Director for support. Contact your district office, as many school systems offer internal NBCT support as well.

21Q. Will there be another scholarship application period this year ?

A. No, there is only one scholarship application period each school year.

22Q. When can I submit components?

A. A scholarship candidate must submit at least one component the following spring. If a component is submitted prior to this cycle, the cost of the component will be the responsibility of the candidate.

23A. Can a principal, assistant principal, librarian, counselor, coach, or speech pathologist receive the scholarship?

A. Yes, as long as they work in a K-12 public school setting.

If you have additional questions that are not addressed in this document or on the application form, please submit your question to:

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