



Guidelines for National Board Certification Scholarship Act Application (HB102)

During the 2020 Legislative Session House Bill 102 was passed creating the National Board Certification Scholarship Act. This act created a **one-year fund** to support teachers who are new candidates to the [National Board for Professional Teaching Standards](#) (NBPTS) certification process.

PURPOSE OF THIS APPLICATION

This application is designed to provide an eligible teacher seeking certification from the national board for professional teaching standards a scholarship to be encumbered during the 2020-21 school year. To be eligible to apply for the scholarship a New Mexico Teachers must meet the following qualifications:

- Be a New Mexico Resident
- Hold a valid Level 2 or higher New Mexico license
- Be currently teaching in a New Mexico public school or public charter school
- Submit a reference letter from your school principal along with your application
- Submit the NMPED completed application

WHAT CAN THE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS BE USED FOR?

- First time submission of any new component for initial certification with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

WHAT THE SCHOLARSHIP MAY **NOT BE USED FOR?**

- Registration fees paid to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
- Resubmission of a component that an applicant did not pass during the initial submission
- Application fees associated with advancing your license
- Any fees paid for work completed outside the dates for which an award is received

LEVEL OF FUNDING

NMPED intends to award the full amount to those teachers who meet the qualifications and receive approval from the NMPED's evaluation team. Any funds not expended by June 30, 2021 shall be reverted to NMPED and shall not be permitted to carry over to subsequent years. Current and continued funding for this project is dependent upon annual legislative appropriations.

PROGRAM OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT

NMPED has assigned three individuals (listed below) to oversee and manage the applications.

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SCORING GUIDELINES

Each application will be scored across four (4) application sections:

- I. Applicant meets the years of experience and licensure requirement
- II. Applicant lives in NM and teaches in a NM public school or charter school
- III. Applicant included a letter of reference from the principal that addresses the following:
 - a. The types of leadership the applicant has engaged in or demonstrated, or the leadership potential of the applicant.
 - b. The applicant's ability to engage students and use a variety of instructional strategies.
 - c. Provide information on why the applicant is a good candidate for the National Board process.
 - d. Provide the subject matter and grade level(s) the applicant is currently teaching.
- IV. Provide a well-developed and thoughtful response to the question on the application.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

All applications must be received for review and evaluation to Rebecca.Elicio@state.nm.us beginning September 28, 2020 through January 15, 2021. Applications received after this date will not be accepted. The date and time of receipt of application will be noted on the application.