Mississippi Professional Educators will award up to 159 one-time scholarships in the amount of $475 each to diverse candidates who wish to pursue their National Board Certification. Diversity may include an educator’s race, gender, ethnicity, subject(s) taught or pathway to licensure. MPE will also reimburse scholarship recipients the $75 registration fee to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and will provide up to $100 for mentoring support at a World Class Teaching Program.

The scholarship is available to any diverse educator who:

- Will be under contract as a full-time educator in Mississippi during the 2020-2021 school year.
- Holds a current bachelor’s degree, a valid Mississippi teaching license, and three years of classroom experience. Applicants must submit the $75 nonrefundable and nontransferable registration fee to the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards and have a valid candidate identification number.
- Applicants must register with a Mississippi World Class Teaching Program by October 30, 2020 and must adhere to all program guidelines.
- Applicant must be a first-time national board candidate who is pursuing their initial component.

Procedures for submission:

- Application packets must be in the MPE office by 4:30 pm on Friday, August 21, 2020, to be eligible for review.
- The completed application and all items from the following checklist must be submitted. All materials must be accurate and completely filled out.
  - Resume’ of professional experience, education, awards and service.
  - Recommendation Letter (a letter from your principal OR a letter from the central office recommending you for the scholarship and verifying employment.)
  - Submit a paragraph describing your motivation for pursuing National Board Certification and include a timeline for completion of work.
  - Essay (500 to 600 words) discussing the importance of the National Board’s Five Core Propositions and how the successful implementation of the Five Core Propositions will strengthen your instruction and advance the teaching profession.
  - Receipt for NBPTS registration.

Scoring and Ranking of the Award winners: The applications will be ranked in four areas and a total of 20 points are available:

- 5 points for resume’
- 5 points for description of motivation for pursuing National Board Certification
- 5 points for essay section (Importance of the Five Core Propositions)
- 5 points for essay section (How the propositions will strengthen your instruction)
Applicants must receive at least 15 of the available 20 points in order to be eligible to receive a scholarship.

MPE will award the following number of scholarships to the highest ranked applicants from the following local districts:

- Jackson Public School District: 50 scholarships
- Moss Point School District: 10 scholarships
- Ocean Springs School District: 40 scholarships
- Sunflower County Consolidated School District: 15 scholarships

MPE will also award scholarships to the 44 highest ranked applicants from the state at large.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the candidate. A scholarship recipient will not be eligible to re-apply for a subsequent MPE NBCT Diverse Practitioner Scholarship. All recipients must submit a receipt to MPE for payment of the initial component within 30 days of receiving scholarship funds.

All scholarships are given at the discretion of MPE and its professional staff. All submitted applications become the property of MPE and cannot be returned. All rulings are final.
MPE 2020-2021 NBCT DIVERSE PRACTITIONER
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name:__________________________________________________________________

Home Address:__________________________________________________________
Street                   City                   Zip

Home Phone:__________________________  Cell Phone:   ____________________

Race (circle one): White     African American      Asian     American Indian     Alaska Native
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander    Other (specify):____________

Ethnicity (circle one):     Hispanic or Latino     Not Hispanic or Latino

Pathway to Licensure (circle one):     Traditional Route     Alternate Route

School/District Name:_____________________________________________________

School/District Address:___________________________________________________

School/District Phone:_____________________________________________________

Email Address:_________________________________________________________

Current Position/Subject(s) Taught:________________________________________

World Class Teaching Program:___________________________________________

MS License #:______________________  NBCT Candidate #:__________________

Applicants must submit a receipt for their $75 NBPTS registration fee. MPE will
reimburse the applicant for this expense.

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On a separate sheet of paper, please type an essay of 500 to 600 words discussing the
importance of the National Board’s Five Core Propositions and how the successful
implementation of the Five Core Propositions will strengthen your classroom instruction
and advance the teaching profession.

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I certify that I will apply to the NBPTS for my initial component entry within 30 days of
receiving scholarship funds. I understand that if I am awarded a NBCT Diverse
Practitioner Scholarship from MPE, the check will be made payable to me for the sole
purpose of payment for the initial component. By signing my name below, I certify that I
have read the above information and will provide MPE with a receipt of payment for the
initial component within 30 days of payment. I also understand that I must be an active
member in a Mississippi World Class Teaching Program.

___________________________________ _______________
Applicant’s Signature  Date
THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE MPE OFFICE BY 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020, AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:  (Check as each item is included)

— Resume’ of professional experience, education, awards and service.

— Recommendation letter (a letter from your principal OR a letter from the central office recommending you for the scholarship and verifying employment.)

— Paragraph describing your motivation for pursuing National Board Certification and include a timeline for completion of work.

— Essay (500 to 600 words) discussing the importance of the National Board’s Five Core Propositions and how the successful implementation of the Five Core Propositions will strengthen your classroom instruction and advance the teaching profession.

— NBPTS registration receipt.

Completed applications must be scanned in and submitted as a PDF via email to Barbie@mpe.org.