



MISSISSIPPI PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS 2025-2026 MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Mississippi Professional Educators will award up to ten scholarships in the amount of \$570 each to MPE members who wish to maintain their National Board Certification. Members must be in one of the two years prior to the expiration of their National Board certification.

The Scholarship is available to any educator who:

- Is an active professional member of MPE for a minimum of one year immediately prior to the application deadline.
- Is under contract as a full-time educator in Mississippi during the 2025-2026 school year.
- Is presently an NBCT in their fourth or fifth year of certification seeking recertification.
- Is beginning or presently engaged in the Maintenance of Certification process.

Procedures for submission:

- Application packets must be in the MPE office by 4:30 pm on Monday, October 20, 2025, 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. Make sure to highlight leadership roles since certifying.**
 - **Recommendation Letter (a letter from your principal OR a letter from the central office recommending you for the scholarship and verifying employment.)**
 - **List of Professional Growth Experiences since initial NBCT certification.**
 - **Essay (500 to 600 words) discussing how the National Board process has strengthened and enhanced your classroom teaching practices and how your professional development choices have impacted student learning.**
 - **Photograph for use in the *MPE Journal*.**

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 Professional Growth Experiences section (since initial NBCT certification)
- 5 points for essay section (NBCT process has enhanced classroom teaching practices)
- 5 points for essay section (Professional development choices impact on student learning)

MPE will award two scholarships to the highest ranked applicants from each of Mississippi's four congressional districts and two scholarships to the highest ranked applicants in the remaining pool of applications (the state at large). If MPE does not have any applicants from a congressional district or applications that meet minimal point requirements, MPE will award that scholarship to the next highest ranked applicant from the state at large. In the event of a tie, the applicant with the most years of MPE membership will be awarded the scholarship.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the candidate. All recipients must submit a receipt to MPE for full payment of the Maintenance of Certification fee within 30 days of payment. A scholarship recipient will not be eligible to re-apply for a subsequent MPE Maintenance of Certification scholarship if he/she withdraws from the renewal process for any reason.

All scholarships are given at the discretion of MPE and its professional staff. All submitted applications become property of MPE and cannot be returned. All rulings are final.



MPE Member ID: _____ **Member Since:** _____

Date _____

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- Resume' of professional experience, education, awards and service. Make sure to highlight leadership roles since certifying.
- Recommendation letter (a letter from your principal OR a letter from the central office recommending you for the scholarship and verifying employment.)
- List all professional growth experiences since your initial NBCT certification.
- Essay (500 to 600 words) discussing how the National Board process has strengthened and enhanced your classroom teaching practices and how your professional development choices have impacted student learning.
- Photograph for use in the *MPE Journal*.

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