



**MISSISSIPPI PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
2025-2026 NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHER
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Mississippi Professional Educators will award up to ten one-time scholarships in the amount of \$475 each to MPE members who wish to pursue 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 due date.
- Will be under contract as a full-time educator in Mississippi during the 2025-2026 school year.
- Holds a current bachelor's degree, a valid Mississippi teaching license, and three years of classroom or school counselor 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 be registered with a Mississippi World Class Teaching Program.
- Applicants 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 1, 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.**
 - **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.**
 - **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 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)

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. A scholarship recipient will not be eligible to re-apply for a subsequent MPE National Board Certified Teacher 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.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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- 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.
- Photograph for use in the *MPE Journal*.

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