



MISSISSIPPI PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS 2019-2020 NBCT DIVERSE PRACTITIONER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Mississippi Professional Educators will award up to 125 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 2019-2020 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, 2019, 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 23, 2019, 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: 5 scholarships

Ocean Springs School District: 30 scholarships

Sunflower County Consolidated School District: 10 scholarships

MPE will also award scholarships to the 30 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 2019-2020 NBCT DIVERSE PRACTITIONER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE MPE OFFICE BY 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2019, 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.