



Indiana Department of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Indiana Educators

FROM: Indiana Department of Education, Office of Educator Effectiveness & Licensing

DATE: Wednesday, October 19, 2016

SUBJECT: National Board Certification Grant Opportunity

Opportunity:

- 1) The Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensing is pleased to announce a grant to be awarded as scholarship or mentor stipend to assist Indiana educators who 1.) are registered and will be working to become National Board Certified; 2.) are educators who are already in the process of pursuing National Board Certification; or 3.) are current National Board Certified Teachers willing to mentor teachers going through the certification process. All monies awarded will be paid as reimbursement in summer or early fall of 2017. To learn more about National Board Certification, we invite you to view this video highlighting Superintendent of Public Instruction, Glenda Ritz, and fellow NBC teachers. [National Board Certified Teachers](#)

Benefits of taking part in this grant opportunity include:

- Assisting teachers in realizing their potential in the classroom and school wide.
- Professionalizing teachers within the district who are primed for leadership.
- Distinguishing teachers within the district who have met the highest standards as accomplished and effective.
- Creating strong, professional school communities where teacher leadership, learning and collaboration are strongholds.
- Elevating the number of NBCTs within districts, thus increasing the overall number statewide.
- Joining a network of teachers, along with current initiatives within the state, to increase Indiana's numbers of NBCTs.

Grant Options

Option 1: Teachers Pursuing National Board Certification

Teacher candidates will need to:

- 1) Create an account with NBPTS by accessing this link to the National Board Candidate Management System (NBCMS) formerly known as **MyProfile**.
<http://www.boardcertifiedteachers.org/>
- 2) Submit the non-refundable \$75 Registration Fee.
- 3) Complete registration.
- 4) Select the component(s) that will be completed within the year.
 - Refer to [First-time and Returning Candidates](#).
 - Candidates will need the assigned NBPTS Candidate Identification Number to apply for this money by November 27, 2016.

- Teacher candidates will enroll in a minimum of 1 component prior to being reimbursed for \$300.
*Last day for registration is January 31, 2017.
- Indicate whether you know a current NBCT who will apply for mentorship or whether you will need to be paired with one.

Option 2: National Board Certified Teachers willing to mentor NBCT candidate(s)

- Current NBCTs will apply to mentor a teacher beginning or already going through certification process.
- Award of \$400 per NBCT candidate, not to exceed 3 candidates within the 2016-2017 school year.
- Indicate known candidates seeking NBCT.
- Indicate how many candidates you will mentor.
- Identify how your experience of obtaining certification would be beneficial to a candidate even if he/she is not seeking certification in the same licensure area.
- Verify participation in training sessions or webinars.

Grant Information

- All Indiana teachers who meet NBCT criteria are eligible.
- Complete the application found here: [The Application](#)
- After reviewing and evaluating applications, IDOE will announce award recipients.
 - Contracts will be drawn up based on approved applications.
 - Monies will be distributed as reimbursement after component work is complete or assessment taken and invoice is submitted.
 - Review the [FAQ here](#)

Application Procedure

Timeline: All applications must be received electronically by IDOE no later than Sunday, November 27, 2016 5:00 PM EST. No exceptions will be made. Applications resulting in grant award may be posted on the DOE website. All applications/questions should be emailed to teacherleadergrant@doe.in.gov.

For more information

Join a Question Answer call scheduled for Thursday, October 27th at 4:00 PM EST.

Call-in toll-free number: **1-877-422-1931**

Conference Code: **3950556518**