



GUIDELINES FOR MISSISSIPPI PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS' 2016-2017 NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHER RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Mississippi Professional Educators will award up to ten scholarships in the amount of \$625 each to MPE members who wish to pursue renewal of their National Board Certification.

The Scholarship is available to any educator who:

- Is a member of MPE
- Is under contract as a full-time educator in Mississippi during the 2016-2017 school year.
- Is presently a NBCT in their eighth or ninth year of certification seeking recertification for the first time OR a NBCT in their eighteenth or nineteenth year of certification seeking recertification for a second time.

Procedures for submission:

- Application packets must be in the MPE office in Jackson, MS by 4:30 pm on Friday, October 28, 2016, 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 National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. A scholarship recipient will not be eligible to re-apply for a subsequent MPE National Board Certified Teacher Renewal 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 2016-2017 NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHER
RENEWAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION
(APPLICANT MUST BE A MEMBER OF MPE)**

Name: _____

Home Address: _____
Street City Zip

Mississippi Congressional District: _____
(1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Congressional District)

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

School/District Name: _____

School/District Address: _____

School/District Phone: _____

Current Position/Subject(s) Taught: _____

MS License #: _____ NBCT Candidate #: _____

MPE Member ID: _____ Member Since: _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please type an essay of 500 to 600 words discussing how the National Board process has strengthened and enhanced your classroom teaching practices and what professional growth/development you have participated in since your initial certification and how that professional development choice has impacted student learning.

I certify that I will apply to the NBPT for recertification during the 2016-2017 renewal windows. I understand that if I am awarded a MPE NBCT Renewal Scholarship, MPE will mail a check made payable to the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards on my behalf. I also understand that I will not be eligible to re-apply for a subsequent scholarship if I withdraw from the renewal process for any reason.

Applicant's Signature

Date

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE MPE OFFICE BY 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016, AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: (Check as each item is included)

- **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*.**

Please return your complete application to:

**Mississippi Professional Educators
ATTN: NBCT Renewal Scholarship
P.O. Box 22550
Jackson, MS 39225-2550**