



**National Board Teacher Certification
Stipend Application**

**2018/19 Academic Year
Preferred Application Deadline:
September 30, 2018**

Application Instructions for National Board Teacher Certification Stipend

The Colorado Center for Rural Education and the Colorado Department of Higher Education seek to encourage talented K-12 educators in rural Colorado school districts to pursue National Board Teacher Certification (NBCT). If selected as a National Board Teacher Certification Scholar, the recipient will receive half of the stipend at the start of the program and the remaining half when he/she successfully completes the program and is a national board certified teacher in a specific area of specialization. All NBCT stipend recipients will receive support and mentorship from NBCT facilitators in a Colorado Rural National Board cohort. The value of the stipend is \$3,975, which is the amount needed to (a) enroll with the National Board; (b) register for each of the four components of the NB portfolio; and (c) participate in the Rural National Board Cohort. Recipients must commit to remaining in a rural setting for three (3) years after attaining National Board Certified status.

Eligible Applicants Must Meet the Following Criteria:

1. Evidence of full admission to a National Board Certified Teacher program through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (e.g. copy of official admission letter from the NBPTS).
2. Provide a timeline for program completion. Normally this is within three years of starting.
3. Prepare a written statement summarizing the applicant's commitment to quality rural education and the expected value to be added to the applicant's school district upon completion of the program.
4. Provide letters of recommendation and endorsement from the applicant's school principal and district superintendent delineating how this qualification will benefit the school/district.
5. Commitment to complete a Master's degree, if the applicant does not already hold this degree, which is required to complete the National Board Certified Teacher program.
6. Commit to remaining in a rural setting for three (3) years after attaining National Board Certified status.

Preference will be given to applicants who meet these requirements: Willingness to teach assume expanded roles as a teacher leader in one of the rural school districts (especially small rural school districts with less than 1000 students) that are located 50 miles or more from major metropolitan areas and outside of the Front-Range region of Colorado.

Definition of Colorado Rural School District: A Colorado school district is determined to be rural giving consideration to the size of the district, the distance from the nearest large urban/urbanized area, and having a student enrollment of 6,500 students or less. Small rural districts are those districts meeting these same criteria and having a student population of less than 1,000 students. For a complete list of rural school districts, please contact us.

Directions: Only complete applications will be accepted and can be (a) delivered by hand to UNC McKee Hall 282A; (b) mailed to UNC, Colorado Center for Rural Education, 501 20th Street, Campus Box 106, Greeley, CO 80639-0028; or (c) emailed to Dr. Valerie Sherman (Valerie.sherman@unco.edu). For more information, contact Dr. Sherman by phone (970.351.3061) or by email. More information about the Colorado Center for Rural Education NBCT stipend can be found at www.unco.edu/colorado-center-for-rural-education. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application Requirements

1. Application Cover Sheet and Agreement Form (third page of this document).
2. Completed General Application Information form (fourth & fifth page of this document).
3. Proof of admission to a National Board Certified Teacher program.
4. Personal essay describing personal commitment to rural education and the expected value to be added to the school district and students in the rural community who will benefit.
5. Letters from School District Superintendent and School Principal speaking to the applicant's potential and commitment to complete the National Board Certified Teacher program.
6. Timeline for program completion.

Cover Sheet for National Board Certified Teacher Stipend

Name (Last, First, MI):

Application Checklist

| Checked by Student | All Must Be Attached and Completed Before Submitting to the Colorado Center for Rural Education National Board Certified Teacher Stipend Selection Committee: | Checked by UNC Staff |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cover Sheet with Application Checklist and Agreement (this form) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Completed General Application form (two pages) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Two letters of recommendation from School Principal and District Superintendent (one letter is acceptable if the same individual holds both positions) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Typed response to essay question (see application requirements) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Timeline for program completion | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Official letter of admission to the National Board Certified Teacher program | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Signature and Agreement

1. Should I receive the National Board Certified Teacher Stipend, I am obligated to fulfill the requirements of the program to the best of my ability.
2. I give permission to Colorado Center for Rural Education to release this information to the Colorado Department of Higher Education, if required.
3. I give the University of Northern Colorado and the Colorado Department of Higher Education permission to publicize my National Board Certified Teacher Stipend Award and post my photograph.
4. I understand that my National Board Certified Teacher Stipend might affect other financial aid awards, and it is up to me to verify this by checking with the Financial Aid Office at my institution.
5. I certify by my signature that I have read and understood the information in this application and that it is complete and accurate.
6. I understand that the stipend will be distributed in two installments. The first installment at the start of program and the second installment after providing evidence of program completion.

Applicant's Signature

Date

(digital or scanned if sent electronically)

General Application for National Board Certified Teacher Scholars

Name: Date:

Preferred Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Preferred Phone: Alternate Phone:

Preferred e-mail: Alternate e-mail:

Name of School District:

School Name:

School Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Teaching Assignment (i.e., grade levels, content field:

Name of College/University: Student ID#:

DEMOGRAPHICS

The Colorado Center for Rural Education National Board Teacher Certification program requires the following information:

Birth date: / / (DD/MM/YEAR) Gender (check one): M F

How would you describe yourself? (Check all that apply):

- Ethnicity/Race(s):
- Hispanic or Latino
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Black or African American
- White

If you have not checked any of the above, please share how you self identify yourself:

Are you a veteran? Y N

Do you have a qualified disability? Y N

General Application for National Board Certified Teacher Scholars

ACADEMICS:

In what field of study did you receive your bachelor’s degree?

Colorado teaching license endorsement area(s)

Do you already have a master’s degree?

If so, in what area?

In order to receive National Board Certified Teacher stipend through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the applicant is required to earn a Master’s degree. In order to receive this scholarship, you need to already be accepted into the National Board Certified Teacher program and commit to teaching in a rural setting for three (3) years after achieving National Board Certified status.

When did you apply to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) for admission to the National Board Teacher Certification program?

What year and semester (Summer, Fall, Spring) do you plan to begin your program?

What year and semester do you plan to complete your program?