National Board Teacher Certification
Stipend Application

2020/2021 Academic Year
Application Deadline:
September 15, 2020
**Application Instructions for National Board Teacher Certification Stipend**

The Colorado Center for Rural Education and the Colorado Department of Higher Education encourage talented K-12 educators in rural Colorado school districts to pursue initial National Board Teacher Certification (NBCT) with the support and mentorship of NBCT facilitators in a Colorado Rural National Board cohort. The value of the stipend is $4,250.00, 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 mandatory Rural National Board Cohort. Recipients must commit to remaining in a rural setting for three (3) years once they have become a National Board candidate.

**Preference will be given to applicants who** share a willingness to assume expanded roles as a teacher leader (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.

**To Be Considered for the NBCT Stipend, Eligible Applicants Must Meet the Following Criteria:**

1. Be currently employed in one of Colorado’s 146 rural or small rural school districts;
2. Submit the intended National Board Certification area of endorsement and student developmental level(s) in which you intend to register; (visit [https://www.nbpts.org](https://www.nbpts.org) and click on Resources to learn more) and;
3. Commit to remaining in a rural setting for three (3) years after becoming a National Board candidate.

**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. The current official CDE list of rural and small rural districts can be accessed at the following website: [https://www.unco.edu/colorado-center-for-rural-education/pdf/cde_rural_designationlist_march2019.pdf](https://www.unco.edu/colorado-center-for-rural-education/pdf/cde_rural_designationlist_march2019.pdf)

**Selection and Award Process:** In the event that the number of applications in any stipend category exceeds the amount of available funding provided by the Colorado General Assembly, stipend recipients will be selected using a random lottery draw and distributed evenly by CDE region. Of the total applications, 55% will be awarded to individuals working in small rural school districts, and 45% will be awarded to individuals working in rural school districts.

**Application Components and Requirements:** A complete NBCT application packet includes the following:

1. A completed General Application and Agreement Form (this document).

2. A brief personal statement describing (a) the reasons you want to pursue Board Certified Status and (b) any professional roles you anticipate having as a result of being a National Board Certified Teacher in the future.

**Parts 1 and 2 (above) can either be**

a. scanned and emailed to nationalboardcertifiedteacher@unco.edu.

b. printed and mailed to:
   
   University of Northern Colorado  
   Colorado Center for Rural Education  
   Campus Box 106  
   501 20th Street  
   Campus Box 106  
   Greeley, CO 80639-0028

**Note:** Applying to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) to be a National Board Candidate is a separate application process. Details related to the NBPTS application process are located on the NBPTS website ([https://www.nbpts.org](https://www.nbpts.org/)).

For more information, contact Dr. Valerie Sherman by phone (970.351.3061) or by email (valerie.sherman@unco.edu).

More information about the Colorado Center for Rural Education NBCT application and award process can be found at [www.unco.edu/colorado-center-for-rural-education](http://www.unco.edu/colorado-center-for-rural-education). Incomplete applications will not be considered.
Cover Sheet for National Board Certified Teacher Stipend

Name (Last, First, MI): ____________________________

Application Checklist

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Signature and Agreement

1. I understand the value of the National Board Certified Teacher Stipend is $4,250.
2. 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.
3. I understand to receive National Board Certified Teacher stipend I must commit to teaching in a rural setting for three (3) years after becoming a National Board candidate.
4. I give permission to Colorado Center for Rural Education to release this information to the Colorado Department of Higher Education, if required.
5. 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.
6. I understand that I may be asked to provide information the Center could use for research and evaluation purposes in the future.
7. I certify by my signature that I have read and understood the information in this application and that it is complete and accurate.

Applicant’s Signature ____________________________ Date ____________

(digital or scanned if sent electronically)
General Application for National Board Certified Teacher Stipend

PERSONAL INFORMATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Name (Last, First, MI):  
Preferred Address:  
City, State, Zip Code:  
Preferred Phone:  Alternate Phone:  
Preferred e-mail:  Alternate e-mail:  
Birthdate (MM/DD/YY):  Gender:  

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

- Hispanic or Latino
- America Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White

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

Are you a veteran?  Yes  No
Do you have a qualified disability?  Yes  No

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Name of School District:  
School Name:  
School Mailing Address:  
City, State, Zip Code:  
Teaching Assignment (grade levels and/or content field):  

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Principal Name: 
Principal email: 
Phone: 

PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Colorado teaching license endorsement areas(s) 

How many years have you been a professional educator?
- [ ] 1-5 years
- [ ] 6-10 years
- [ ] More than 10 years

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

Have you earned a master’s degree?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If so, in what area

Have you earned any degrees above a Master’s?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If so, at what level and in what area (e.g., Ph.D., Special Education)

NATIONAL BOARD ENDORSEMENT

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

Note: This is a separate application process. Details related to the NBPTS application process are located on the NBPTS website (https://www.nbpts.org/).

What age range of students and National Board area of endorsement you seeking?

I understand that my participation in the Rural National Board Cohort is a requirement to receive a NBCT stipend. [ ] Yes [ ] No
REFERENCES

Please list individuals we may contact to provide a recommendation (2 required). You may also include information for up to two additional contacts.

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