

National Board Certification Scholarship



Eligible NM teachers could have National Board Certification Fees reimbursed.

Through funding appropriated annually by the NM Legislature, the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) awards up to \$500,000.00 in scholarships.

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Eligibility: 22-10C National Board Scholarship Act states:

An educator is eligible to apply for a national board certification scholarship if they:

- Are a New Mexico resident **and**
- Hold a valid New Mexico License Level I (year 4 with intent to complete APLI-II micro credentials), Level II or Level III **and**
- Are teaching in a New Mexico public school **and**
- Submit a reference letter from (Letter of Recommendation- LOR) which includes
 - How the educator has demonstrated leadership,
 - How the educator engages students
 - Why they are a good candidate for NBCT.

PHASE 1: APPLY: Monday, April 13, 2026 - Friday, June 26, 2026

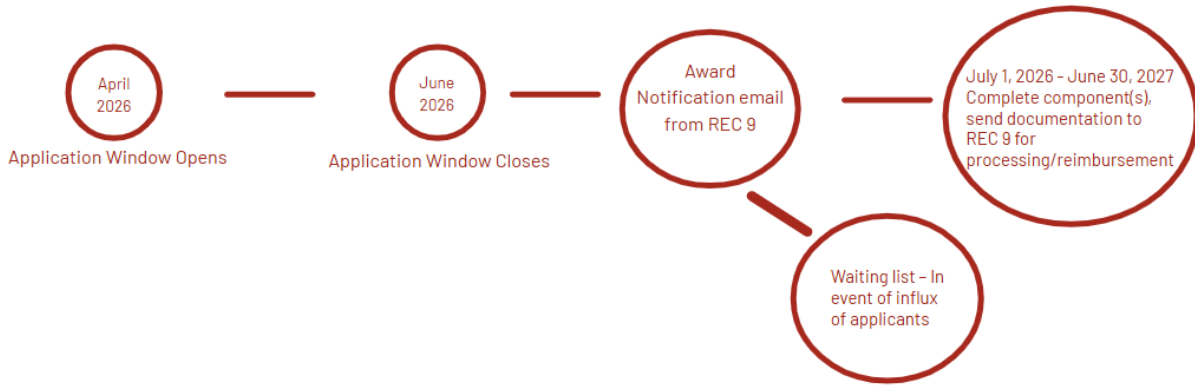
- Scholarships will be awarded annually. Eligible applicants may receive scholarships for no more than three years, paid *annually upon notification that the teacher is still an active participant in the certification process.*
- The NMPED prioritizes candidates who:
 - Provide notification of utilizing their scholarship awarded within the past three school years.
 - High-need grade-level and content areas as determined by the state.
 - Incomplete applications will not be considered for a scholarship.

PHASE 2: AWARD: Award notifications will be sent to scholarship awardees from Region IX Education Cooperative. Award acceptance instructions and directions for reimbursement will be provided with award notification.

PHASE 3: REIMBURSEMENT: Reimbursement will only be covered for components that are purchased and completed between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

Questions: Email Educator.Pathways@ped.nm.gov.

SY26-27 Scholarship Timeline



SUPPORTS:

NM NBCT Network- If you receive the scholarship, your name and contact information will be provided to your regional coordinator for support	Katie Lake: President- katrina.lake@nmbctnetwork.com Regional Contact info: NMNBCTNetwork
Albuquerque Teachers Federation (ATF)	nationalboard@atfunion.org https://atfunion.org/professional-learning/
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)	https://www.aft.org/sites/default/files/journeytotopbrochure0607.pdf
National Education NEA	https://www.nea.org/professional-excellence/professional-learning/resources/national-board-jump-start
LANL Foundation	Paul LeFrancois, K12 Program Coordinator at the Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation. Email: paul@lanlfoundation.org Phone: 505-428-9109 LANL Foundation
NBCT Website	https://www.nbpts.org/

