



Application
Professional Association of Georgia Educators

National Board Certification Scholarship Program

Application must be received in the Atlanta PAGE Office by September 28, 2007

The PAGE National Board Certification Scholarship Program provides \$2000 for a limited number of PAGE members. **This \$2000 scholarship program will only be offered one time** and the deadline date for the application to be received in the PAGE office is **September 28, 2007**. A panel of Nationally Board Certified Teachers and PAGE staff members will review all completed applications. Before completing the application, it is highly recommended that information concerning the National Board Certification process and the standards for the area in which you are seeking national board certification be reviewed. This information describes what teachers should know and be able to do. Additional information is available at www.nbpts.org, www.pageinc.org and www.gapsc.com.

WHAT THE NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION PROCESS INVOLVES

National Board Certification is a demonstration of your teaching practice as measured against high and rigorous standards. To be eligible for National Board Certification, you must:

- Hold as a minimum a baccalaureate degree;
- Have taught for a minimum of three years; and
- Have held a valid Georgia teaching license for the three years.

The process of National Board Certification is rigorous, consuming approximately 200 – 400 hours and involves a two-part assessment based on the standards for your certification area.

Part I: The portfolio is designed in your classroom and composed of **student work, videotapes** and other teaching **artifacts**. You are required to have parental permission for each student appearing in your video and for each student's work contained in the portfolio. The portfolio must be supported by written commentaries on:

- The goals and purposes of instruction,
- The effectiveness of your practice,
- Reflections on what occurred, and
- The rationale for your professional judgment.

Part II: The assessment center is designed to complement the portfolio and is organized around challenging teaching issues. This one-day process, during the summer, provides an opportunity to demonstrate knowledge, skills, and abilities in situations across the age range and topics of the certificate field.

Application Requirements:

- PAGE member in good standing;
- Completed the Knowledgeable Teacher Course by the application deadline.

- Taught a minimum of three years; and
- Currently employed in a Georgia School System.

Information:

1. The application must be received in the Atlanta PAGE Office by close of the business day, September 28, 2007. The application must be sent via guaranteed delivery either by FedEx, UPS or U.S. Mail.
2. The application cannot be emailed or faxed.
3. PAGE does not pay the scholarship recipient. The \$2000 scholarship money is sent directly to NBPTS. The recipient must check the NBPTS website to verify that his/her fees have been paid.
4. The applicant must strictly adhere to the directions stated for each section of the application.
5. The application must be mailed in its entirety; partially completed and untyped applications will not be reviewed.
6. The use of correct grammar, punctuation and spelling are required.

Other Information:

1. *Funding:* The Professional Standards Commission (PSC), <http://www.gapsc.com> has received funding to assist candidates. You are urged to seek financial support observing the strict and specific requirements set forth by the PSC. Please refer to the PSC website for the information.
2. *Georgia Law on National Board Certification:* Is currently teaching full time in a high-needs school and holds a valid Georgia teaching certificate as defined by the Professional Standards Commission; and has successfully completed the prerequisite portfolio of student work and examination and has received national certification shall receive not less than a 10 percent rate increase in state salary for each year he or she holds national certification. Such increase shall be awarded beginning on the date such certification is received. The 10 percent increase shall be computed based on the state salary for such individual when national certification is received. A teacher who transfers to a high-needs school after such individual receives national certification shall receive such increase beginning on the effective date of transfer if the teacher meets the requirements of this subsection, and such increase shall be computed based on the state salary for such individual on the effective date of the transfer. Provided such individual remains employed in a high-needs school or in a school that was designated as a high-needs school at the time the individual received national certification or transferred to such school and otherwise continues to meet the requirements of this subsection, the 10 percent increase shall be recomputed each subsequent year based on such individual's state salary for that school year.
3. *Retain Copy of Application for your Records:* Because the scholarship application process is competitive, all applicants will not be awarded a scholarship on their first submission. Please retain a copy of your application for your records and subsequent submissions.

Directions:

1. This application must be typed.
2. The application is prepared in Microsoft Word format.
3. To complete the application, save it as a Word document.
4. **Begin typing below the bolded headings.** The completed application will be longer than the form.
5. Save the completed application as a Word document.
6. Print the completed application and send to:

Dr. Diane Ray
 Assistant Director of Teacher Development
 PAGE
 P.O. Box 942270
 Atlanta, GA 31141-2270
 Email: dray@pageinc.org
 (Do not email or fax this application. Email is for questions only!)

State:

Zip:

System Where You Teach:

School Email Address:

II. Professional Preparation and Teaching History:

List highest degree:

Grade Point on last degree earned:

Name of institution where last degree was earned:

(Attach a transcript from institution where last degree was earned.)

Current areas of certification: (Attach teaching certificate.)

Total number of years teaching:

Teaching in Georgia:

At present school:

List all PAGE service positions held and indicate years of service:

List name of awards and year received. Limit response to professional and civic awards and recognitions.

List presentations, publications and/or exhibits with date, place and organization included.

III. Writing Section: The remainder of this application is concerned with your knowledge of and expertise in education and your skill in applying it to National Board Certification.

In writing your response to each statement, the following must be strictly observed.

- Use Microsoft Word, Times New Roman, Font 10
- Limit response to one side of an 8.5 X 11 page.
- Typing must be double-spaced.
- Set margins at one-inch top and bottom and 1.25 inches left and right.
- Response must be printed on white paper.
- Begin the response to each statement on new page.
- The statement should be typed in bold print at the top of each page.

In writing your response, the following are very important:

- The response must directly relate to the statement.
- The quality of the response is as important as the length of the response.
- The response should contain educational terms that reflect knowledge of education and the practice of teaching.
- Correct grammar, spelling and punctuation must be used.
- The quality of writing is to be reflective of writing used in college/university term papers.

USING THE GUIDELINES ABOVE, RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS.

- Becoming a National Board Certified Teacher is a rigorous process. What are your reasons or motivation for seeking this distinction? The applicant must cite and explain at least three reasons or motivational factors.
- The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards has five core propositions on “what a teacher should know and be able to do.” List the five core propositions. Using the five core propositions, explain your educational philosophy.
- Select one of the core propositions and provide examples of how you incorporate this core proposition into your teaching practice.
- Professional growth is important in a career. Describe at least two professional growth experiences you have had and the impact each experience had on your career.
- What personal strengths or skills do you possess that will assist you in obtaining National Board Certification?

IV. Letters of Recommendation

To be eligible for the PAGE Scholarship program, **three letters of recommendation are required. The names of the persons writing letters should be entered in the spaces below.**

The guidelines for the content of the letters appear in the request for letters. The requests for letters of recommendation appear at the end of the application. The requests are self-explanatory and must be detached from the application and given to the person writing the letter.

A letter of recommendation must be received from the following. List the names below.

- The principal of your school:

- A teacher in your school:

- A person selected by you:

V. Statement of Intent and Acceptance:

I, **(type your name here)**, fully understand all of the information, and I am making the commitment to become a National Board Certified Teacher. As a condition for receiving this scholarship, I have already completed the Knowledgeable Teacher Course.

I further understand that if I am selected as a recipient of this scholarship, I can receive no funding from other sources. If I receive other scholarships, and the total amount exceeds \$2000.00 including the PAGE Scholarship, I will forfeit the entire PAGE Scholarship.

By accepting this scholarship, I also agree to participate in any research related to the growth, efficacy, and demographics of National Board Certified Teachers authorized by PAGE.

I also agree to assist other teachers in obtaining their National Board Certification. I understand I will not be compensated for this assistance and that the assistance will not exceed 10 hours and will be limited to a period of one school year.

Signature and Seal of Notary

Signature of Applicant

Date

Date



Professional Association of Georgia Educators
P O Box 942270
Atlanta, Georgia 31141-2270
Phone: 770/216-8555
Toll free: 800/334-6861

Dear Principal:

Re: Letter of Recommendation

The teacher who submitted this request to you is seeking certification as a National Board Certified Teacher (NBPTS). This is a very rigorous, time consuming, and expensive professional activity. The Professional Association of Georgia Educators is proud to offer \$2000 scholarships to deserving teachers. The scholarships are competitive and will be awarded to the most qualified teachers.

An important part of the application for the scholarship is a letter of recommendation from the present principal. You are asked to write a letter of recommendation for _____.
The contents of the letter are confidential.

The letter of recommendation is limited to a maximum of two 8.5 X 11 pages and should be based on your personal observation and evaluation of this person. It must:

- Be typed and printed on official school stationery;
- Address the teacher's commitment to education;
- Address his/her overall knowledge of education;
- Address the teacher's instructional effectiveness; and
- Address your relationship with the applicant.

A statement of how the teacher ranks in relation to all the teachers you have supervised must be included. For example, Ms. Smith ranks in the: Top 5%, Top 10%, Top 25 %, or Top 50% of all the teachers I have supervised. The letter must be received in the PAGE office no later than **September 28, 2007**, to:

Dr. Diane Ray
Assistant Director of Teacher Development
PAGE
PO Box 942270
Atlanta GA 31141-2270

Thank you for you cooperation in writing this letter of recommendation. The letters of recommendation are a decisive factor in awarding the scholarships.

Sincerely,

Dr. Diane Ray
Assistant Director of Teacher Development



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Dear Teacher:

Re: Letter of Recommendation

The teacher who submitted this request to you is seeking certification as a National Board Certified Teacher (NBPTS). This is a very rigorous, time consuming, and expensive professional activity. The Professional Association of Georgia Educators is proud to offer \$2000 scholarships to deserving teachers. The scholarships are competitive and will be awarded to the most qualified teachers.

An important part of the application for the scholarship is a letter of recommendation from a colleague, preferably a peer teacher. The contents of the letter are confidential. You are being asked to write a letter of recommendation for _____.

The letter of recommendation is limited to a maximum of two 8.5 X 11 pages and should be based on your personal observation and your recent past or present daily working relationship with this person. It must:

- Be typed and printed on official school stationery;
- Address the teacher's commitment to education;
- Address his/her overall knowledge of education;
- Address the teacher's instructional effectiveness; and
- Address your relationship with the applicant.

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Dear Colleague, Parent, or Friend:

Re: Letter of Recommendation

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An important part of the application for the scholarship is letters of recommendation. You are asked to write a letter of recommendation for _____ . The contents of the letter are confidential.

The letter of recommendation is limited to a maximum of two 8.5 X 11 pages. The letter must be typed. The letter should address the applicant's commitment to education and effectiveness as a teacher. Your comments should be based on your personal knowledge. Please explain in what capacity (parent, friend, colleague) you know the applicant.

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