

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

2024-2025 Application for \$2,500 Annual Award

Sponsored by the Iowa Department of Education

DUE: Application must be postmarked no later than **May 1, 2025**
Application by email or fax will not be accepted.

NOTE: The following information reflects the current Iowa law governing National Board Certification (NBC). Please read carefully.

The Iowa Department of Education (Department) has received funding from the Iowa legislature to provide teachers achieving NBC, a maximum award of \$2,500 per year for a total amount of \$25,000. The annual award is available for a nonrenewable term of 10 years of NBC.

Iowa Code section 256.44(2) requires the Department to prorate the amount of the annual award if the number of applicants exceeds the funds available. As such, NBC teachers will receive an annual award of \$2,500 or, if necessary, a lesser prorated amount. Annual appropriations by the legislature will be required to continue funding NBC award programs.

Under state law, in order to qualify for the NBC annual award, a NBC teacher **must**:

- Apply to the Department for the initial annual award within one year of becoming eligible.
- File an annual application by May 1 of each year.
- Be an Iowa licensed teacher employed by an Iowa public school district and receiving salary from the school district as a classroom teacher.
- Have a valid National Board license.

If you are a Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) District; this is the answer regarding qualifying for National Board Annual Award located in the TLC FAQ ----

Can a National Board Certified teacher continue to receive the annual award if he or she accepts a teacher leadership position? Yes, provided that the teacher meets the requirements specified in Iowa Code section 256.44. Specifically, to continue to receive the award a teacher leader's duties must include providing instruction to students (which may include co-teaching, providing demonstration lessons, or modeling effective teaching strategies and practices) for a portion of their time.

The deadline for submitting applications to the Department for the NBC annual award during the 2024-2025 fiscal year is **May 1, 2025**. Iowa law states that the Department is to pay the \$2,500 award no later than June 1 of each fiscal year.

Questions?

Questions regarding the application for the NBC annual award should be directed to:

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Due: Postmarked no later than May 1, 2025

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Applicant teacher's name _____

Teacher's Iowa license folder number _____ National Board Cert # _____

Name of school district where teacher is employed _____

Name of school building where teacher teaches _____

Address of school building _____

_____ Work phone # _____

Work E-mail address _____

Teacher's home address _____

_____ Home phone # _____

Personal E-mail address _____

_____ Yes _____ No I receive salary compensation from the school district for providing classroom instruction to students in the school district. *(In order to be eligible, you must receive at least some portion of your salary for providing classroom instruction.)*

_____ Yes _____ No I have a full-time teaching contract. If no, please indicate percent of time your contract is for _____ % (If you possess less than a full-time teaching contract, your annual award will be prorated to reflect the type of contract; i.e., half-time, quarter-time, etc.)

_____ Yes _____ No I am eligible to receive the final registration fee reimbursement up to \$950. (Only for those who received National Board Certification in December 2024 and received a prior payment of the registration fee.)

_____ Yes _____ No If coming from another State and first year of teaching in Iowa, did you receive any compensation from that State for National Board Certification? If yes, what state? _____
If yes on compensation, how much \$ _____

I received certification in 20____. I have _____ year(s) remaining of certification.

Candidate's signature: I understand that my signature gives the Department permission to verify periodically with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) my NBC status. I understand that my signature below supersedes my request for confidentiality indicated on my application to the NBPTS.

Candidate's signature

Date

Required to verify teacher is employed by an Iowa school district and receives salary compensation for providing classroom instruction to students in the school district. TLC District: The teacher meets the requirements specified in Iowa Code section 256.44. Specifically, to continue to receive the award a teacher leader's duties must include providing instruction to students (which may include co-teaching, providing demonstration lessons, or modeling effective teaching strategies and practices) for a portion of their time.

Principal or superintendent's signature

Date

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The annual award will not be mailed to eligible applicants until June 1, 2025.