

# National Board Certification Initial Candidate Subsidy Program

Kansas teachers who desire to seek National Board Certification have the opportunity to apply for assistance in paying a portion of the application fee. Fee subsidies are available through state funds provided by the legislature.

Fee subsidy applications will be accepted until December 1, 2023 or until funds are depleted. Please note that fee subsidies will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

**The total amount of a fee subsidy award will not exceed \$950.00, the fee for two components at \$475.00 per component. An applicant may apply for a fee subsidy for two components during any one assessment year or for one component in separate assessment years. (Subsidy funds cannot be guaranteed in a subsequent assessment year.)**

Fee subsidies are paid directly to NBPTS upon confirmation of application and payment of the annual, nonrefundable \$75.00 registration fee by the applicant to NBPTS.

Contact Information:

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: [www.nbpts.org](http://www.nbpts.org)

Fee subsidy information: Myra Stithem – [mstithem@ksde.org](mailto:mstithem@ksde.org)

Candidate Support:

Alvin Peters, M.A., NBCT

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Great Plains Center for National Teacher Certification

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620-341-6788

**Return completed subsidy application no later than December 1, 2023  
by email to:**

**Myra Stithem at [mstithem@ksde.org](mailto:mstithem@ksde.org)**

**K A N S A S**  
**National Board Certification Candidate Subsidy**  
**2023-2024 Assessment Year**  
**Application Form**

**Section A** (Please print clearly)

Social Security Number				
Name	(First)	(Middle)	(Last)	
Home Mailing Address		City	State      Zip	
Employing School District			Building	
School Mailing Address		City	State      Zip	
Home Phone		Work Phone		
Home E-Mail Address _____		<b>Please place a (x) in the box  you prefer to have all  communication directed to:  Home or Work</b>		
Work E-Mail Address _____				

The following criteria must be met in order for an application to be considered. **Please place an (X)** in the box in front of each criterion that indicates that the applicant verifies and commits to the following:

- Have a minimum of three years of accredited teaching experience under a valid standard license, and hold a baccalaureate or higher degree. Accredited experience means teaching experience that constitutes one-half time or more in one school year while under contract, in a school accredited by the State Board of Education, while holding a certificate valid for the specific assignment.
- Currently employed half-time or more in a state accredited public school and hold a valid license.
- Commit to completing the NBPTS assessment process.
- Commit to support future candidates.

Superintendent's Name		Principal's Name	
Current Teaching Assignment  <i>If your assignment or position changes, contact KSDE immediately.</i>	Total Number Of Years Taught	Grade	Age Level
		<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Contained <input type="checkbox"/> Departmentalized <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)	

**Indicate certificate area:**

Discipline	Developmental Level

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**I am applying for – check appropriate boxes:**

	<b>\$950.00 for two components</b> To be completed during 2023/2024	<b>OR</b>		<b>\$475 for one component</b> To be completed during 2023/2024
	I verify I will be completing:			I verify I will be completing:
	Component 1: Content Knowledge			Component 1: Content Knowledge
	Component 2: Differentiation in Instruction			Component 2: Differentiation in Instruction
	Component 3: Teaching Practice and Learning Environment			Component 3: Teaching Practice and Learning Environment
	Component 4: Effective and Reflective Practitioner			Component 4: Effective and Reflective Practitioner

I verify that the information on this application is true and accurate and that all information provided is in reference to the 2023/2024 NBC assessment year.

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Signature Date

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***Section B***

**Part 1**

Provide a two page or less, single-spaced, typed profile of your approach to teaching (working with students), incorporating the five NBPTS core propositions as points of discussion. The five core propositions are: 1) Teachers are committed to students and their learning; 2) Teachers know the subjects they teach, and how to teach those subjects to students; 3) Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning; 4) Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience; 5) Teachers are members of learning communities. *(NOTE: Profiles that exceed a total of two pages will not be considered.)*

**Part 2**

Respond to the following question using no more than ½ page, typed, single-spaced. How have you encouraged parental involvement in your classroom or school?

**Part 3**

Respond to the following question, using no more than ½ page, typed, single-spaced. Why is National Board Certification important to you, and why do you believe that you are a good candidate?