NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION
2015-2016 Application for $2,500 Annual Award

Sponsored by the Iowa Department of Education

DUE: Application must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2016
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 (DE) 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 DE 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, an NBC teacher must:
- Apply to the DE 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 DE for the NBC annual award during the 2015-2016 fiscal year is May 1, 2016. Iowa law states that the DE is to pay the $2,500 award no later than June 1 of each fiscal year. For this fiscal year, the award will be paid no later than Wednesday, June 1, 2016.

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

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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 $1,250.
(Only for those who received National Board Certification in November 2015.)

_____ Yes _____ No  If coming from another State, did you receive any compensation from that State for National Board
Certification?  If yes, what state?  __________________________

If yes on compensation, how much $________________

I have NBC in the following area __________________________________________________________________________

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

Candidate’s signature: I understand that my signature gives the DE 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.

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Principal or superintendent’s signature  Date

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The annual award will not be mailed to eligible applicants until June 1, 2016.