



National Board Certification



Application for Scholarship

EDUCATION LEADERSHIP OKLAHOMA is administered by the **Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation (OCTP)** in partnership with the Oklahoma State Legislature to provide professional development and support for Oklahoma Teachers seeking National Board Certification.

Contingent on appropriations in the 2008 Oklahoma Legislative session, scholarship recipients will be funded \$2,500 each for the application process for National Board Certification. Professional development and mentoring provided by OCTP will be available to all applicants.

Application Deadline:

POSTMARKED BY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2008
OR
MUST BE RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE BY 4:00 p.m. on
FEBRUARY 29, 2008

(Applications that do not meet deadlines will not be accepted.)

Return to: Application Review Committee
Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation
PO Box 23318
Oklahoma City, OK 73123

**Due to possible relocation of our office,
please call 405-525-2612 if you plan to
hand deliver the application.**



2. Current Certification areas for National Board Certification (check one)

(Refer to the National Board website at http://www.nbpts.org/become_a_candidate/available_certificates1 for questions about areas.)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Generalist <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Childhood Generalist <input type="checkbox"/> Art <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Early and Middle Childhood <input type="checkbox"/> Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood <input type="checkbox"/> Career and Technical Education <input type="checkbox"/> English as a New Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Early and Middle Childhood <input type="checkbox"/> Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Adolescence <input type="checkbox"/> Adolescence and Young Adulthood <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional Needs Specialist <input type="checkbox"/> Library Media <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy: Reading-Language Arts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Adolescence <input type="checkbox"/> Adolescence and Young Adulthood <input type="checkbox"/> Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Early and Middle Childhood <input type="checkbox"/> Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Early and Middle Childhood <input type="checkbox"/> Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood <input type="checkbox"/> ECYA/School Counseling <input type="checkbox"/> Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Adolescence <input type="checkbox"/> Adolescence and Young Adulthood <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies-History <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Adolescence <input type="checkbox"/> Adolescence and Young Adulthood <input type="checkbox"/> World Languages Other than English |
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3. All of the following criteria must be met in order for your application to be considered by the selection committee. Verify and commit to the following by placing a check in the appropriate box in front of the criteria.

- Possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution. (Accredited institution is defined as one that is authorized or accepted by a state as fulfilling the state's educational requirement for initial teaching licensure or school counseling licensure.)
- Completed 3 years of successful teaching in one or more early childhood, elementary, middle, or secondary schools. Applicants for ECYA/School Counseling must have completed 3 years of successful service as a school counselor. Can be in your 3rd year of teaching when you apply.
- Met the teacher licensure requirements established by Oklahoma and hold that valid teaching license (A school counseling license is required for candidacy in ECYA/School Counseling).
- Commit to completing the NBPTS portfolio and assessment process.
- Commit to be a mentor to future candidates.



PART B - Verification/Letters of Support

Attach the following:



- (1) Verification from your school Superintendent and Principal or building administrator (use attached form);
- (2) Endorsement of an Oklahoma State Senator or Representative from the School District where you are employed acknowledging your involvement in the NBCT process (use attached form). This is your chance to personally thank the legislature for their support of the National Board process. We recommend making personal contact with your legislator. Please allow sufficient time for this form to be included with your application.
- (3) Two letters of recommendation from colleagues or someone who is familiar with your teaching, other than your Superintendent or Principal.

PART C

Responses to Part C must follow these guidelines:

- ◆ **Write in first person and give specific examples of your teaching**
- ◆ Double-spaced
- ◆ 1" margins
- ◆ Font - Times New Roman 12 pt.
- ◆ Adhere to page limit requirements

Write a profile of how you incorporate each of the five NBPTS core propositions, using examples from your teaching. List each proposition separately and follow with your answer (should be no more than 4 pages).

- ◆ *Teachers are committed to students and their learning.*
- ◆ *Teachers know the subjects they teach, and how to teach those subjects to students.*
- ◆ *Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning.*
- ◆ *Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience.*
- ◆ *Teachers are members of learning communities.*

Optional: You may add up to one page of additional information you would like to share about National Board.

A complete application must include the information requested in Parts A, B, and C. You must submit an ORIGINAL SET PLUS TWO COPIES of section "PART C" (3 sets total, paper clip each set individually).

DO NOT USE STAPLES, FOLDERS, SHEET PROTECTORS, DIVIDERS, BINDERS, OR COVER PAGES.

DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON ANY PAGE OF PART C.

**APPLICATIONS THAT ARE INCOMPLETE AND/OR DO NOT MEET THE DEADLINE
WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

I commit to attending **MANDATORY** professional development during the week of **June 2-6, 2008**.
I agree to release home and work contact information to other candidates, OCTP, other education agencies.
I agree to participate in research conducted by National Board.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Education Leadership Oklahoma Legislative Letter

To the Education Leadership Oklahoma Selection Committee:

This letter is to acknowledge the intention of _____ to
(Name of Candidate)
pursue **National Board Certification** by applying for inclusion in the 2008-2009 Education
Leadership Oklahoma Class.

Senator

Representative

(Signature)



Verification Form

Name _____

School Name _____ School District _____

To the best of my knowledge I will be a full-time classroom teacher or school counselor in an Oklahoma public school during the 2008-2009 school year.

Candidate's Signature _____

Date _____

I acknowledge that the above information is correct.

Principal's/Building Administrator's Signature _____

Date _____

Comments: _____

Superintendent's Signature _____

Date _____

Comments: _____

