



National Board Certification Grant

Description: This scholarship is intended to assist A+PEL members in achieving National Board Certification as professional educators. By definition, the applicant must have the qualifications associated with the National Board certification process and must be currently undergoing this process. This scholarship is awarded as a flat amount to defer the costs of the National Board certification process.

Deadline: September 15th

Eligibility/Guidelines:

- A+PEL membership is not a requirement, but preference will be given to members.
- The applicant will submit documentation of registration expenditures to the A+PEL office within 30 days of registering with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.
- The applicant will have completed three years of successful teaching as of July 1 of this year, hold a valid Louisiana Teaching Certificate, and will be working full-time to provide instruction to students while pursuing National Board Certification.
- If the applicant does not submit his/her portfolio materials to NBPTS in full or take the assessments on time, then the applicant will refund the full award to A+PEL.
- The applicant is currently an employee of a Louisiana school and plans on returning to a Louisiana school for one year after completing the certification requirements.
- If selected, the applicant will be available to receive this award publically at a faculty meeting, school board meeting, or A+PEL conference. The venue will ultimately be determined by the representative giving the award and such aspects as convenience for the recipient, permission of the school/district, and the number of individuals awarded in a district will be taken into account.
- The Essay document must include a cover page which states your planned use for this grant (for example, first-time candidate, retake candidate, recertification). The pages after the cover page must contain an essay, of 500 words or less. The applicant must directly answer and label each of the four rubric sections within their essay. For example, criteria could be answered in separate paragraphs or placed as bold headings in a paragraph. Refer to the sample application on the A+PEL website for further formatting recommendations.
- The applicant must conform to standard rules of grammar in their application. Applications lacking in basic grammar will be disqualified regardless of other merits.
- Applicants can be awarded only one A+PEL award within a 365 day time period. This rule has been established to provide for additional opportunities amongst our growing member base.

Amount: The grant has an upper limit of 750 dollars.