**Alabama NBCT Scholarship FAQs**

**(Fall 2019)**

1Q. Is the scholarship for first-time applicants only?

A. No.

2Q. Can I apply if I have already submitted one or more components?

A. Yes, but the scholarship will not pay for any components that you have already submitted. The scholarship will only pay for up to four components (up to $1900) and no re-takes.

3Q. Can I apply if I applied in a previous year and didn’t receive a scholarship?

A. Yes, If you have not previously received an Alabama NBCT scholarship, you are eligible to apply.

4Q. What happens if my application is not received until after the deadline of September 20, 2019, or it is incomplete?

A. If an application is received after the deadline or is found to be incomplete, it will not be read or scored by the review panel and will not be considered for a scholarship.

5Q. Does the $120,000 limit refer to net or gross income?

A. You should use the Adjusted Gross Income that you report to the IRS for you and your spouse.

6Q. If my family receives disability payments or other tax-free payments, is this counted toward the $120,000?

A. If these payments are exempt from your Adjusted Gross Income you report to the IRS, then you do not have to count them toward the $120,000.

7Q. If I am unable to complete the components, am I required to return the money?

A. Yes, you are required to return the scholarship money if you do not complete the NBCT portfolio - all four components within the time allowed by the National Board.

8Q. If I move to another state before my three years are up, am I required to return the money?

A. Yes, you are required to return the scholarship money if you do not teach an additional three years in an Alabama public school after receiving the scholarship.

9Q. Am I required to submit all 4 components this year?

A. No, but you must submit at least one component each year, beginning this cycle (Spring 2020). All four components must be submitted within 3 years. Example: Year 1 - Component 1, Year 2 - Components 2 & 3, Year 3 - Component 4.

10Q. Are there any expenses related to NBCT that I am responsible for if I get a scholarship?

A. Yes, you are responsible for paying the $75.00 registration fee each year of your candidacy.

11Q: Can the scholarship cover National Board Renewal?

A. No, this scholarship only funds initial candidates.

12Q. If I don’t receive NBCT certification after submitting all the components, do I have to return the money?

A. No, the scholarship does not depend on the success of your application.

13Q. Can I begin working on the process while I await notification of my scholarship application?

A. Yes, you may begin working on any or all of the components. Just remember that if you do not receive the scholarship, you’ll be responsible for the cost of submitting them this cycle (if you choose to move forward). The cost of each component is $475. You can find your portfolio instructions [here](https://www.nbpts.org/national-board-certification/candidate-center/first-time-and-returning-candidate-resources/).

14Q. Who decides who the scholarship winners are?

A. A review panel of Alabama National Board Certified Teachers and other educators will read and score the applications.

15Q. Will I hear something even if I don’t get a scholarship?

A. Yes, you will be notified whether you receive a scholarship or not.

16Q. When will I hear if I did or didn’t receive a scholarship?

A. You will be notified before November 15, 2019.

17Q. Will I receive notification via email or postal mail?

A. You will receive notification by email and/or postal mail.

18Q. Will I receive notification at my school or my home?

A. You will receive notification by postal mail at your home and/or email at the address provided on your application..

19Q. If I am awarded a scholarship, will I actually receive a check?

A. No, a check will be sent to the National Board office, and the funds will be credited to an account in your name.

20Q: If I get the scholarship, where can I find support for this process?

A. Each Regional Inservice Center provides support to candidates through mentoring opportunities. Your Inservice Center Director’s contact information can be found [here](https://www.alsde.edu/ofc/osl/Pages/inservice-map.aspx). If you receive the scholarship, your name and contact information will be provided to your Inservice Center Director for support. Contact your district office, as many school systems offer internal NBCT support as well.

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If you have additional questions that are not addressed in this document or on the application form, please submit your question to:

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