



National Board Certification Subsidy Application

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 Kansas legislature.

Fee subsidy applications will be accepted through **Dec. 1, 2026**, or until funds are depleted.

Subsidies are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

The maximum fee subsidy award is **\$950**, which covers two components at **\$475 per component**. Applicants may request a subsidy for two components during a single assessment year or for one component in separate assessment years. Subsidy funding cannot be guaranteed in a subsequent assessment year.

Fee subsidies are paid directly to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) after the applicant submits an application and pays the annual, nonrefundable **\$75 registration fee to NBPTS**.

Additional Information

NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

Website: www.nbpts.org

FEE SUBSIDY INFORMATION

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Submit the completed fee subsidy application no later than **Dec. 1, 2026**, to:

Myra Stithem

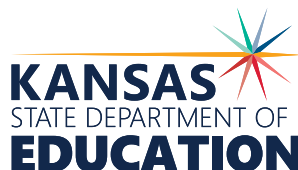
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SECTION A: APPLICANT

Social Security Number

LEGAL NAME

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Work Phone

Home Email

Work Email

Please select your preferred contact information:

Location

Method

☐ Home☐ Email☐ Work☐ Phone

To be considered, applicants must meet all of the following criteria. Please mark each box to indicate that you verify and agree to the following:

- ☐ Have a minimum of three years of accredited teaching experience under a valid standard license and hold a bachelor's degree or higher. Accredited experience means teaching at least one-half time during a school year under contract in a school accredited by the State Board of Education while holding a license valid for the assigned position.
- ☐ Be currently employed at least one-half time in a state-accredited public school and hold a valid teaching license.
- ☐ Commit to completing the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) assessment process.
- ☐ Commit to supporting future National Board candidates.

EMPLOYING DISTRICT

Name of School System

USD Number (###)

Building

School Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Superintendent Name

Principal Name

Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.

Current Teaching Assignment	Total Number of Years Taught	Grade	Age Level

Self-Contained Departmentalized Other (explain)

Notify KSDE immediately if your assignment or position changes.

INDICATE CERTIFICATE AREA

Discipline

Developmental Level

SUBSIDY REQUEST

The maximum fee subsidy award is **\$950**, which covers two components at **\$475 per component**. Applicants may request a subsidy for two components during a single assessment year or for one component in separate assessment years. Subsidy funding cannot be guaranteed in a subsequent assessment year.

I am applying for **(check one)**:

☐ **\$950 for two components** to be completed during the **2026-27** assessment year.

☐ **\$475 for one component** to be completed during the **2026-27** assessment year.

I verify that I will complete the following components **(check two)**:

- ☐ Component 1: Content Knowledge
- ☐ Component 2: Differentiation in Instruction
- ☐ Component 3: Teaching Practice and Learning Environment
- ☐ Component 4: Effective and Reflective Practitioner

I verify that I will complete the following component **(check one)**:

- ☐ Component 1: Content Knowledge
- ☐ Component 2: Differentiation in Instruction
- ☐ Component 3: Teaching Practice and Learning Environment
- ☐ Component 4: Effective and Reflective Practitioner

SIGNATURE AND DATE REQUIRED

☐ I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate and pertains to the 2026-27 National Board Certification assessment year.

Applicant Printed Name

Last 4 Digits of SSN

Signature of Applicant

Date

SECTION B

PART 1

Provide a **typed, single-spaced profile of your approach to teaching (working with students) of no more than two pages.** Incorporate the five NBPTS Core Propositions as points of discussion:

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 exceeding two pages will not be considered.

PART 2

Respond to the following question using **no more than one-half page, typed and single-spaced:**

How have you encouraged family and caregiver involvement in your classroom or school?

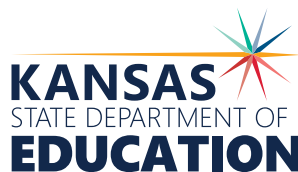
PART 3

Respond to the following question using **no more than one-half page, typed and single-spaced:**

Why is National Board Certification important to you, and why do you believe you are a good candidate for National Board Certification?

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