

Wisconsin Profile

Program Overview

Wisconsin offers comprehensive support for educators interested in pursuing National Board Certification –including reimbursement for up to \$2000 for costs incurred as part of the National Certification process; candidate support through a collaborative partnership with the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) and the Wisconsin National Board Network (WNBN); and an annual NBCT bonus through the Department of Public Instruction.

The state's Master Educator license is based on National Board Certification. Wisconsin National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) may apply for a 10-year Wisconsin Master Educator license in their certification field, if they have completed an approved teacher preparation program in the field. Completion of the National Board Certification process, regardless of achievement, substitutes for the Wisconsin Teacher License Renewal requirements. Educators licensed prior to August 31, 2004 may use their work in the National Board process in lieu of 6 credits for license renewal.

NBCT Bonus

After the initial year of certification, Wisconsin NBCTs are eligible to receive annual grants of \$2500 or \$5000 for the remaining nine (9) years of a National Board certificate. To learn more about eligibility requirements click here: <http://tepd.dpi.wi.gov/licensing/subsidy-reimbursement-and-grant>.

Fee Support

State Funding

Immediately after receiving National Board Certification and within the first school year of its effective date, National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) may apply for reimbursement of up to \$2,000 for expenses personally incurred as part of the certification process. The expenses must be directly related to the process of becoming an NBCT, and may include the cost of the application fees that were not subsidized. To learn more about reimbursement information from DPI please click here: <http://tepd.dpi.wi.gov/licensing/subsidy-reimbursement-and-grant>

Local Funding

Some local school districts use Title monies and/or professional development funds to provide fee support to candidates seeking certification. Please inquire with your principal or central office administrator to see if this is a possibility for you.

Scholarship Program

Scholarships for fee support may be available for teachers through the generosity of the following donors: Coca Cola Foundation, GlaxoSmithKline, Liberty Mutual, Chase, and

the National Board Scholarship Fund. Donors often give priority to teachers in specific school districts or certificate areas. For additional information view an overview of all current scholarships here (insert hyperlink to NBPTS scholarship page).

Candidate Support

State Support

Candidate support is often available from professional organizations, colleges and universities, and local school districts. For candidate support workshops in your areas please click

here: http://www.weac.org/Professional_Resources/certification/index/CandidateWorkshops.aspx

The National Board is aware of the following two groups which support candidates for National Board Certification:

Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC)

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Wisconsin National Board Network (WNBN)

Wendy Sondrol, President

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Website: http://www.weac.org/Professional_Resources/certification/index.aspx

Local Support

A number of school districts offer support and incentives to candidates and NBCTs. You may work in one of those districts. Check with your principal, center office administrator, or school district website to see if this is a possibility for you. View local school districts providing support

here: [http://www.weac.org/Professional_Resources/certification/index/District ...](http://www.weac.org/Professional_Resources/certification/index/District...)

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