



Georgia Association of Educators Foundation

2010 National Board Certification Scholarship Application

The Georgia Association of Educators Foundation exists to provide enhanced educational opportunities for every student by training, developing and empowering Georgia's public school educators. As part of this mission, the GAE Foundation provides scholarships each year up to \$1,000 to candidates for National Board Certification. So, if you want to enhance your teaching skills and make a difference in the life of a student, the GAE Foundation wants to help you achieve your goal.

The National Board for the Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Program, the National Education Association [NEA] and the Georgia Association of Educators [GAE] have offered essential information and assistance to educators who aspire to become National Board Certified Teachers. The NBPTS Program, a national system of assessment and certification, has high and rigorous standards for what a teacher should know and be able to accomplish. The program is designed to strengthen the teaching profession and improve learning in America's schools.

Eligibility

Georgia certified educators actively teaching in a Georgia public school that possess the requirements for application for National Board Certification (*go to www.nbpts.org for a detailed list of requirements*) are eligible to apply for this scholarship. The GAE Foundation Scholarship for National Board Certification will be awarded according to the number of qualified applicants and available funds up to \$1,000 per scholarship. Scholarships are intended to subsidize the candidate's NBPTS fees for completion of the National Board Certification Process and may not be used for other costs. The GAE Foundation will award scholarships up to the amount not otherwise subsidized by the state of Georgia or other funding sources.

Special Notes

- Scholarship winners will be notified in May 2010.
- All application materials submitted shall be retained by the Foundation and will not be returned to the applicant.
- Scholarship awards will be paid directly to the National Board for the Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Program upon proof of application. If the applicant has already paid the NBPTS fees, the GAE Foundation will reimburse the award recipient upon receipt of proof of payment of the full fee.

- Members or relatives of the Georgia Association of Educators Foundation Board of Directors are not eligible to receive scholarships or grants awarded by the Georgia Association of Educators Foundation.
- If you have any questions regarding the scholarship application process, please contact the GAE Foundation at (678) 837-1100 or toll free at (800) 282-7142. You may email us at Foundation@GAE.org.

Requirements

- A. Please read all instructions carefully before completing this application.
- B. Complete the scholarship application form in its entirety. Type the application (preferred) or print legibly using black ink. Sign and date the application form.
- C. Complete a typed [12 point font] two page paper which includes a description of ONE Portfolio Entry Four Documented Accomplishment which includes:
 - 1) A description of the nature of the accomplishment
 - 2) The significance of the accomplishment
 - 3) The impact on increasing student achievement.
- D. Submit a time-line for completion of the National Board Certification Process.
- E. Submit a narrative (250 words) explaining how you plan to give "in-kind" 20 hours of service to the GAE National Board Support Program.
- F. Submit the entire packet by the deadline date of **February 1, 2010**. Incomplete scholarship application packets will not be eligible for consideration. Submit your application using one-sided documents. Do not staple. Application packets must be **postmarked by February 1, 2010**. Mail or deliver to:

Georgia Association of Educators Foundation
Attn: Scholarship
100 Crescent Centre Pkwy., Suite 500
Tucker, Georgia 30084-7050

Additional Requirements

- Upon acceptance of the scholarship award the recipient agrees to:
- Complete the National Board Certification Process. The candidate shall reimburse the GAE Foundation if there is non-compliance or if the candidate fails to complete the process.
 - Grant the GAE Foundation an interview about this experience, if requested.
 - Give "in-kind" 20 hours of service to the GAE National Board Support Program.