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Alabama NBCT Scholarship Calendar & [FAQs](#)

Some dates are subject to change, per NBPTS.

2024-2025	Deadlines, Scholarship Recipient Action Items, and NBCT-Related Events
January	Alabama NBCT Scholarship announced.
February	Prepare scholarship application .
March	Complete scholarship application . March 31 - Deadline to submit scholarship.
May	May 14 or Before - Scholarship recipients will be announced. Recipients should create an NBPTS account asap, if they have not already. Do NOT pay the \$75 registration fee yet - you'll do that next school year. June 3 - Deadline for scholarship recipients to accept award. NBPTS account number must be included.
June	June 3 - Deadline for scholarship recipients to accept award. NBPTS account number must be included. Read and annotate your NBPTS Certificate standards , Your Portfolio Instructions , and Guide to Certification .
July	Read and annotate your NBPTS Certificate standards , Your Portfolio Instructions , and Guide to Certification . Attend Alabama NBCT Boot Camp and/or other Regional Inservice Center NBCT professional learning opportunities.
August	You may begin working on components of your choice. If you missed the Scholarship Session at the July Boot Camp, use this link to watch it. Passcode: vie?t7n& Connect with Regional Inservice Center (RIC) for NBCT mentoring and support.

September	<p>Connect with Regional Inservice Center (RIC) for NBCT mentoring and support.</p> <p>Work on components of your choice.</p>
October	<p>Work on components of your choice.</p> <p>Participate in local or RIC candidate support sessions.</p>
November	<p>Work on components of your choice.</p> <p>Participate in local or RIC candidate support sessions.</p> <p>You may register in your NBPTS account for components to be submitted in May. Remember, you are responsible for the \$75 registration fee each year of your candidacy.</p>
December	<p>Work on components of your choice.</p> <p>Participate in local or RIC candidate support sessions.</p> <p>You may register in your NBPTS account for components to be submitted in May. Remember, you are responsible for the \$75 registration fee each year of your candidacy.</p>
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February	<p>Work on components of your choice.</p> <p>Participate in local or RIC candidate support sessions.</p> <p>February 28 - Deadline to withdraw or register for components to be submitted in spring 2025. Remember, you are responsible for the \$75 registration fee each year of your candidacy. You must complete the purchase of desired components by this deadline.</p>
March	<p>Work on components of your choice.</p> <p>Participate in local or RIC candidate support sessions.</p> <p>March 1-June 15 - Component 1: Content Knowledge Testing Window</p>

April	<p>Make final preparations to submit portfolio.</p> <p>You may submit components, beginning April 1 through May 18.</p> <p>March 1-June 15 - Component 1: Content Knowledge Testing Window</p>
May	<p>Submit desired components in your NBPTS portfolio (Deadline May 18).</p> <p>March 1-June 15 - Component 1: Content Knowledge Testing Window</p>
June	<p>March 1-June 15 - Component 1: Content Knowledge Testing Window</p> <p>Register for NBCT Boot Camp!</p>
July	Attend NBCT Boot Camp!
August	Continue working on remaining components, if needed.
September	Continue working on remaining components, if needed.
October	Continue working on remaining components, if needed.
November	Continue working on remaining components, if needed.
December	<p>Continue working on remaining components, if needed.</p> <p>Score release for components submitted in Spring on or before December 7.</p> 

From NBPTS [Guide to Certification](#), page 5.

Scholarship Recipient FAQs

1. 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.

2. If I am unable to complete the components within three years, do I lose the scholarship?

A. Yes, as a scholarship recipient, you are required to complete the NBCT portfolio (all four components) within the time allowed by the National Board.

3. 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 reimburse the state the scholarship money if you do not teach an additional three years in an Alabama public school after receiving the scholarship.
4. Am I required to submit all 4 components in one year?
A. No, but you must submit at least one component each year, beginning next cycle (Spring 2025). All four components must be submitted within 3 years. Example: Year 1 - Component 1, Year 2 - Components 2 & 3, Year 3 - Component 4.
5. 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 (upon registering for specific components, normally due in February or March). You are **not** required (nor recommended) to pay the registration fee prior to submitting this scholarship application.
6. 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 certification.
7. 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. 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.
8. I accepted the scholarship and marked that I plan to complete 2 components. Can I change my mind next year to do more or less?
A. Yes, that's completely fine, as long as you let Dr. Boyd Rogan know before the funding deadline, normally late February/early March (see calendar above). You'll also need to make sure your NBPTS account reflects that change.
9. I live closer to another Regional Inservice Center than the one that supports my school district. May I participate in the closer RIC's NBCT Support Sessions and Mentoring?

A. Yes, that should not be a problem at all. Here's the [contact information](#) for all RICs.

10. Once I receive the scholarship, when may I begin working on components, and when will I actually submit components the first time?

A. Scholarship recipients should begin reviewing the [NBPTS content standards and portfolio instructions](#) during the summer to prepare for the completion and submission of desired components. All components are submitted in the spring/early summer each year. That said, if one receives the scholarship in the spring, he or she must submit at least one component the next spring and all four within three years.

11. Does the scholarship fund retakes?

A. No, the scholarship only funds initial component submissions.

12. If I certify in one content area, but later teach in another, will I still get recognized and paid as a NBCT?

A. All NBCTs receive the base \$5K stipend, even if they move to another grade level, content area, or administrative position (in a public school). That is not the case for the additional \$5K stipend for serving "challenging schools." See this [memo](#) for more information.

13. What if I change schools/positions ?

A. As long as you stay in an Alabama public K-12 school, the funding will remain available to you. Be reminded that if you change grade level or content area AFTER submitting a component, you must still finish in the original certificate area. Once you submit a component, you cannot change certificate areas unless you start over (per [NBPTS Guidelines](#)).

14. What if I become an administrator?

A. NBCTs who become administrators in Alabama public K-12 schools receive the base \$5K stipend. They are not eligible for the additional \$5K for serving challenging schools (law stipulates that those NBCTs are classroom teachers.)

15. When do I have to decide on my Certificate area?

A. Upon receiving the scholarship, a candidate should narrow down the certificate area to pursue by the beginning of the school year so that he or she can begin working on components. However, NBPTS does not require

that one commit to that certificate area officially until February (see calendar below).

16. When do I have to decide on the order in which I want to submit components?

A. The order in which one completes the components is completely left up to the individual. Some complete all in one year, and others chose to do so over three years. These component do NOT have to be completed in order.

Example: Year 1 - Component 3
 Year 2 - Components 2 & 4
 Year 3 - Component 1

17. When will my funds be available?

A. Funds are normally added to the candidates' NBPTS accounts in the fall or early winter. Components are not required to be "purchased" until February (see calendar below). That said, candidates may (and should) begin working on desired components well before that time.

2024–2025 IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES		NATIONAL BOARD <i>for Professional Teaching Standards®</i>
Registration Window	May 23, 2024 – February 28, 2025	
Registration and Component Purchase (includes payment of registration and component fees)	February 28, 2025	
Change of Component Selection	February 28, 2025	
Change of Certificate and/or Specialty Area	March 21, 2025	
Withdrawal Deadline	February 28, 2025	
Component 1 Scheduling Open	January 13, 2025	
Component 1: Content Knowledge Testing Window	March 1, 2025 – June 15, 2025	
ePortfolio Submission Window	April 1, 2025 – May 17, 2025	
Score Release	December 6, 2025	

2023-24 IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

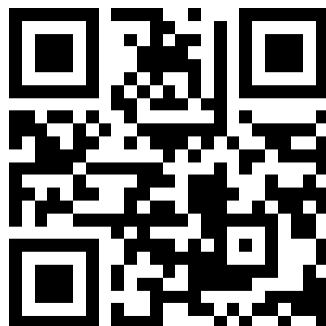
REGISTRATION WINDOW	MAY 22, 2023 - FEBRUARY 29, 2024
COMPONENT SELECTION (INCLUDES PAYMENT OF COMPONENT FEES)	FEBRUARY 29, 2024
WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE	FEBRUARY 29, 2024
CHANGE OF CERTIFICATE AND/OR SPECIALTY AREA + COMPONENT SELECTION	MARCH 22, 2024
COMPONENT 1 SCHEDULING OPEN	JANUARY 15, 2024
COMPONENT 1 TESTING WINDOW	MARCH 1 - JUNE 15, 2024
ePORTFOLIO SUBMISSION WINDOW	APRIL 1 - MAY 18, 2024
2024 SCORE RELEASE	DECEMBER 7, 2024

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If you have additional questions that are not addressed in this document, please submit your question to Dr. Boyd Rogan, ALSDE: boydrogan21@gmail.com

Scholarship Recipient Session Agenda - 2024 Boot Camp

- Congrats!!
- [Where are you from?](#)
- Scholarship Data
- 5th In the Country for New NBCTS
- [ATLAS](#)
- Getting Started
 - [Calendar Guidance](#)
 - [Know your Standards](#)
 - Pacing Yourself
 - Choosing Components – Numbers and Sequence
 - Must complete all 4 comps in 3 years, and at least one per year
 - It's Up to You!
 - Find a Friend - [NBCT Directory](#)
 - [RICs](#)
 - [Boot Camp Refresh](#)
- Documents to Review
 - [Guide to National Board Certification](#)
 - NBPTS [Five Core Propositions](#)
 - [Alabama NBCT Scholarship Recipient Calendar](#)
- Acceptance Form Questions
- Funding
 - You must register for components and funding before the February deadline
 - Follow all NBPTS instructions (not ALSDE controlled at all)
 - \$75 Registration Fee
- [Other FAQs](#)



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