

**Criteria for Priority
Illinois NB Candidate Fee Subsidy Application
National Board Resource Center (NBRC)**

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be a teacher or counselor. This application is not intended for administrators.
- Teach in an Illinois public school.
- Hold a valid Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL).
- Hold a valid Illinois Educator Identification License Number (IEIN).
- Be a first time applicant who has not used the Illinois NB Candidate Fee Subsidy in past years. (Candidates, who applied for the Illinois NB Candidate Fee Subsidy during a previous year and withdrew within the required timeline, may apply for the 2017-2018 Illinois NB Candidate Fee Subsidy. If you applied in a previous year and are not sure if you withdrew in the required timeline, call the NBRC at 1.309.438.1835 for assistance in this matter).

Priority School Criteria:

Priority will be given to NB Candidates, on a first come, first serve basis, who teach in schools with one of the following designations -

- [Academic Early Warning](#) Status
- [Academic Watch](#) Status
- [Poverty](#) (50% or more students on free or reduced-priced lunch)

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1. **Phase One:** It is anticipated that there will be more candidate applications than available funding. The selection process will adhere to the criteria outlined within the online application. Candidates, who submit an accurate and complete application for the Illinois NB Candidate Fee Subsidy by May 21, 2017 midnight, meet the Eligibility Criteria, and the Priority School Criteria will be added to the Verified List. Candidates who meet the Eligibility Criteria and complete the online Illinois NB Candidate Fee Subsidy application accurately by May 21, 2017 midnight, but do not meet the Priority School Criteria, will be added to the Waiting List.
2. **Phase Two:** Non Priority Schools - In the event there is funding available after May 21, 2017, candidates who meet the Eligibility Criteria and complete the online Illinois NB Candidate Fee Subsidy application accurately by May 21, 2017 midnight, but do not meet the Priority School Criteria, will be moved from the Waiting List and added to the Verified List on May 24, 2017 at 10 a.m.
3. **Phase Three:** Approvals - Candidates, who complete the online Illinois NB Candidate Fee Subsidy application accurately by May 21, 2017 midnight, are on the Verified List, and have registered with NBPTS and paid the yearly, non-refundable \$75 registration processing fee by June 4, 2017, midnight will be posted on the Approval List on the NBRC website. **Approvals will be made on a first come, first serve basis beginning on June 5, 2017 at 2 p.m. until June 12, 2017 at 2 p.m. or until funding is exhausted.**