



National Council for Board Certification Interpersonal Whole-Brain Model of Care™

The National Council for Board Certification Candidate Information Regarding Financial Assistance for the NCBC Examination

The Interpersonal Whole-Brain Model of Care™ (IWBMC) is built upon the scientific principle of neuroplasticity. This principle and its corresponding research demonstrate that the brain can change no matter an individual's age, diagnosis, or level of functioning. The IWBMC is implemented to assist and facilitate growth in individuals with a wide range of neurodevelopmental challenges, such as developmental delays, autism spectrum disorder, traumatic brain injury, stroke, genetic syndromes, or emotional, behavioral, relational challenges in tandem with mental health diagnoses. Correct implementation of the IWBMC produces impressive results, and these results continue to spark a marked interest in families and professionals who serve and support this population to become certified in the IWBMC.


To ensure that the highest quality of care is being provided to the intended population served by the IWBMC, The National Council for Board Certification (NCBC) in the IWBMC evaluates (through examinations) and formally credentials individuals who meet the entry-level standards required for IWBMC Providers and Evaluators. The NCBC believes that Individuals who desire to become certified as an IWBMC Provider or Evaluator but find the examination cost a significant barrier to this goal should have a pathway to IWBMC certification. The NCBC Examination Financial Assistance Program provides this pathway for qualifying candidates.

A limited number of IWBMC Exam scholarships are available for candidates who desire to become credentialed and meet the criteria for financial assistance. Financial aid awards are made based on financial need, a candidate's motivation and commitment to the mission of IWBMC, active participation and engagement, and plans for utilization. The Financial Aid Committee approves the amount of financial aid.

Full Scholarship: Covers the entire cost of either the IWBMC-CE or IWBMC-CP examination. The scholarship does not cover the application fee.

Partial Scholarship: Covers one-half of the entire cost of either the IWBMC-CE or IWBMC-CP examination. The scholarship does not cover the application fee.

Financial Assistance Options for the National Council of Board Certification Examination

Assistance Type and Amount	Criteria and Evidence to Qualify
<p>NCBC Full Scholarship \$500.00</p>  <p>Requires Criteria 1 AND Criteria 2 with evidence provided for each criteria</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Criteria 1:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meets all eligibility requirements needed to sit for the examination:</p> <p><u>EVIDENCE TO QUALIFY:</u></p> <p>Please refer to all eligibility requirements included in the IWBMC Candidate Handbooks for Evaluators or Providers. Evidence includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> An official copy of the candidate's transcript OR <input type="checkbox"/> An official or unofficial copy of the candidate's graduation degree OR <input type="checkbox"/> A signed letter from the educational institute's registrar confirming successful completion of the program. <p>Professional and professional experience may be verified by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A résumé that outlines personal and professional experience and includes references who can be contacted to verify the experience OR <input type="checkbox"/> Completion of the NCBC Relevant Experience Form that includes the signature of a supervisor for each experience listed. The NCBC Relevant Experience Form can be obtained on the NCBC website via the candidate eligibility pages. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Criteria 2:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Current Financial Income is 137% of the Federal Poverty Level or less.</p> <p><u>EVIDENCE TO QUALIFY</u></p> <p>Primary Source Documentation (Required):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Current Tax Return <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Unemployment (if applicable) <p>Secondary Source Documentation including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Current Pay Stub(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Public Assistance i.e., Food Stamps, Public Housing Subsidies <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Employment verifying current job position and income <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employed: Profit/loss statements, business account statements <p style="text-align: center;">FPL can be calculated per this website: https://povertylevelcalculator.com</p>

NCBC Partial
Scholarship
\$250.00



**Requires Criteria 1
AND Criteria 2 with
evidence provided for
each criteria**

Criteria 1:

Meets all eligibility requirements needed to sit for the examination:

EVIDENCE TO QUALIFY:

Please refer to all eligibility requirements included in the IWBMC Candidate Handbooks for Evaluators or Providers. Evidence includes but is not limited to:

- ☐ An official copy of the candidate's transcript OR
- ☐ An official or unofficial copy of the candidate's graduation degree OR
- ☐ A signed letter from the educational institute's registrar confirming successful completion of the program.

Professional and professional experience may be verified by:

- ☐ A résumé that outlines personal and professional experience and includes references who can be contacted to verify the experience OR
- ☐ Completion of the NCBC Relevant Experience Form that includes the signature of a supervisor for each experience listed. The NCBC Relevant Experience Form can be obtained on the NCBC website via the candidate eligibility pages.

Criteria 2:

Current Financial Income is 240% of the Federal Poverty Level or less.

EVIDENCE TO QUALIFY:

Primary Source Documentation (Required):

- ☐ Current Tax Return
- ☐ Proof of Unemployment (if applicable)

Secondary Source Documentation including but not limited to:

- ☐ Current Pay Stubs
- ☐ Proof of Public Assistance i.e., Food Stamps, Public Housing Subsidies
- ☐ Letter of Employment verifying current job position and income
- ☐ Self Employed: Profit/loss statements, business account statements

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How to Apply for NCBC Scholarships

Candidates may apply for NCBC scholarships by requesting an application and submitting all required evidence a minimum of 45 days prior to the registration deadlines noted in the Interpersonal Whole-Brain Model of Care Provider or Evaluator Certification Handbooks:

- ☐ Applications, which include where to submit the application and evidence, can be obtained by emailing your request to: JaclynR@JacobsLadderSchool.net.
- ☐ Candidates who submit applications and evidence within the allotted time frame may be asked to provide additional information for consideration.
- ☐ Applications and evidence submitted less than 30 days prior to registration deadlines may not be reviewed in time for registration. In this case, candidates will be contacted to ask if the information submitted should be applied to the next testing date, with the understanding that updated documentation may be necessary to move forward with the review.

If more than one (1) person applies for a full scholarship and more than two (2) persons apply for partial scholarships on either testing date, the NCBC will review all applications and make a determination of scholarship awards based upon the following factors:

1. The extent of assistance needed
2. The contents of the essay included in the application
3. The quality of the evidence and application content provided

Scholarship awards will not be discriminatory based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status.

Candidates with questions regarding NCBC scholarships may email: JaclynR@JacobsLadderSchool.net