

TSTA NBCT Cohort 3

2026-2028

COHORT APPLICATION

The application cycle is opening soon for the third TSTA NBCT Cohort! Only 10 candidates pursuing National Board Certification will be selected for this two-year professional learning opportunity.

Participants will receive an in-person introductory workshop, ongoing structured support from NBCT facilitators, four in-person writers' workshops, one-on-one mentoring, an invitation to the TXNBCT annual conference, and the chance to collaborate with other TSTA members throughout the National Board process.

The cohort will begin with the Jump Start Summer Intensive at TSTA headquarters in Austin July 20-24. Candidates will then meet virtually once a month during the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years, with additional in-person workshops in Austin each fall and spring.

TSTA will cover lodging and a portion of travel expenses for in-person events. Participants are responsible for National Board fees, though grant opportunities may be available. Regular attendance is required to remain in the cohort.

The 2026-2027 dates are as follows:

- Orientation: June 17th- 5:45
- Jumpstart: July 21st-25th
- #1: August 31st-5:45-7:45pm
- #2: September 21st-5:45-7:45pm
- #3: October 26th-5:45-7:45pm
- #4: November 16th-5:45-7:45pm
- Writers Workshop: December 5th-10:00-4:00 Austin, TX
- #5: December 14th-5:45-7:45pm
- #6: January 25th-5:45-7:45pm
- #7: February 22nd-5:45-7:45pm
- TXNBCT Conference San Antonio, TX (February TBA)
- Writers Workshop: March 6th-10:00-4:00pm Austin, TX
- #8: March 22nd-5:45-7:45pm
- #9: April 13th-5:45-7:45pm
- Submission: May 8th (Sign-Up)



Applications will be accepted between **April 7th and May 4th**.

The QR and Application will open on the 7th. Applicants must also **submit one professional recommendation letter** to LaurenSmithNBCT@gmail.com. The subject of the email needs to be: **YourName-TSTANBCTCohort3-Reference Letter**. Applications will be reviewed and all eligible applicants will be asked to participate in a short interview. You do not need to be a TSTA member to apply, but you must be a TSTA member in order to participate if chosen.

Candidates selected to participate **will receive an offer letter on or before June 2** and will be expected to sign an agreement acknowledging the calendar and cohort commitments.

Apply here: <https://bit.ly/tstanbctcohort3app>