



Hello Friends of the Colorado Center for Rural Education!

March 2022

Great news!

Beginning this year, our Center will encourage talented individuals interested in Special Services Provider employment in rural or small rural schools in Colorado to apply for the Special Services Provider Stipend (SSPS). The SSPS provides recipients with up to \$6,000 to pay for a variety of program-related costs (e.g., application fees, official transcripts, evaluation, tuition and fees, exams, fingerprinting, licensing, technology and travel costs).

Interested? You must be a) enrolled in an approved program at an institution of higher education and b) committed to full-time employment in one of Colorado's 147 rural or small rural school districts for a period of three years after receiving a Special Services Provider license from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE).

The CDE recognizes these special services providers: school audiologists, school counselors, school nurses, school occupational therapists, school orientation and mobility specialists, school physical therapists, school psychologists, school social workers and school speech-language pathologists.

Note that the 2022 application timeline is May 1 through August 31.

The Colorado Center for Rural Education is also currently accepting applications for the following three stipends. *Financial incentives help recruit and retain teachers!*

**1. Colorado Rural (Student) Teacher Stipend up to \$4,000
(application deadline 3/31/22)**

These awards are designed to encourage candidates to student teach and eventually become teachers in Colorado rural school districts.

[Learn More](#)

**2. National Board Certified Teacher Stipend, \$4,250
(application deadline 4/30/22)**

Inservice PK-12 educators working in rural Colorado are encouraged to pursue National Board Teacher Certification (NBCT). All NBCT stipend recipients will receive support and mentorship from NBCT facilitators in a Colorado Rural National Board cohort.

[Learn More](#)

For more information about this and all our stipend opportunities, see: <https://www.unco.edu/colorado-center-for-rural-education/stipends/>

Also, for a one-stop document that describes the state's opportunities for educators, see: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/educatortalent/recruitmentoutline>

Kindly share with your networks, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have additional questions.

Contact Us

The Colorado Center for Rural Education supports educators by providing financial support to pre- and in-service teachers. Visit our [website](#) for more information about our mission and available [stipends](#).

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