

Rural Centered A Quarterly Newsletter from the Colorado Center for Rural Education

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Teachers The Colorado Center for Rural Education and the Colorado Department of Higher Education work together to help alleviate the teacher shortage in rural Colorado school districts. To that end, we

How Inservice Stipends Support Rural

award stipends of up to \$6,000 to qualifying rural inservice educators who want to: · Teach concurrent enrollment courses; · Add an additional endorsement; or · Fulfill a local faculty need.

- The stipend offsets the cost to attend a qualifying program at one of Colorado's institutions of
- higher education. We asked three of the recipients to comment on how the stipend will help them achieve their academic and career goals.

Kristin Esposito Kristin Esposito teaches third grade at Hudson



Brie Sampson Brie Sampson teaches fifth grade at Akron School

experience for all of her students.

District No. R-1 in Akron, Colorado. She plans to use

myself in 2018 to obtain a master's degree, before I

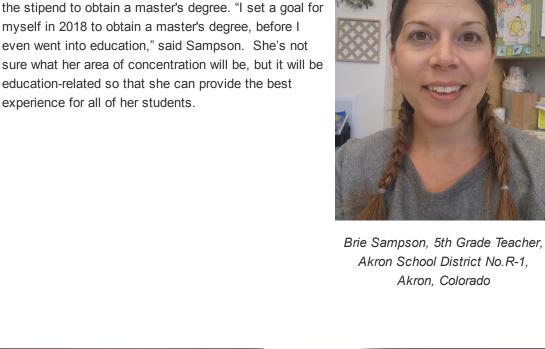
education-related so that she can provide the best

stipend is helping her pursue a master's degree in educational equity and cultural diversity.

"Trying to pay for a master's degree while helping my oldest child through college was going to be a huge burden on my family," Esposito said. The stipend allows her to continue working toward her degree without having to take on student loans or

Elementary School in the Weld County School District RE-3J in Hudson, Colorado. She said the

getting a second job. "This degree will help me ensure that all of my students, especially emergent bilingual students, have access to quality instruction," said Esposito.





my students in our rural school district," said Anderson.

UPCOMING APPLICATION TIMELINES

Colorado Substitute Stipend applications accepted:

December 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023

January 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023

about additional scholarships.

Ongoing

July 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023 Visit TEACH Colorado's Financial Aid and Scholarship Information page for information

Department of Education's Educator Recruitment and District Supports flyer.

Abigail Anderson teaches first grade at Cheyenne Wells Elementary School in the Cheyenne County School District RE-5 in Cheyenne Wells, Colorado. In the photo, she's decked out in the school team's (go Tigers!) gear for homecoming spirit week. "This stipend was much appreciated because it assisted me in continuing my education. I gained more knowledge that I can use with



For financial aid available to in-service and aspiring educators, download the Colorado

Colorado Rural Student Teaching Stipend applications for fall 2023 accepted:

National Board Certified Teacher Stipend applications for fall 2023 accepted:





Durbin, Executive Director of the Northeast Colorado BOCES. "I thank everyone at UNC and CCRE for their support of our Northeast Colorado Bus Tour of Rural Schools with UNC students.

We are hopeful this experience will bring new educators into the pipeline."

Dr. Robert Fulton, State Coordinator for the CCRE, said, "Before we left Akron to return to Greeley, I asked everyone on the bus, 'Was this a good day for you?' and the students said they highly valued the experience." One student, who had been skeptical about the experience at the start, told Fulton, "It has me thinking." "It's an event the students will remember and talk about for years to come," Fulton added.

programs, authorized by the Colorado Department of Education, are offered through CCU's College of Adult and Graduate Studies and are specifically designed to meet the unique needs of working adults.

Colorado Christian University Online offers a variety of fully online undergraduate and graduate level <u>educator preparation programs</u> in both non-licensure and licensure pathways. These

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math teacher vacancies equitable virtual access to certified, experienced Colorado math teachers regardless of location.

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