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**UPDATES**

**2020/2021 Rural Recruitment and Retention Stipends: Applications now open!**

*Note: If you are a placement coordinator or Dean at one of Colorado’s educator preparation programs, we encourage you to share these stipend opportunities with your program coordinators!*

Continued (and undiminished!) funding provided by the Colorado General Assembly enables the Colorado Center for Rural Education and our partners to offer a range of recruitment and retention financial incentives for preservice and inservice educators working in one of Colorado’s 146 rural school districts. This year, we are happy to share the **ELIGIBILITY FOR RURAL INSERVICE EDUCATOR STIPENDS NOW INCLUDES ADDED ENDORSEMENTS AND MASTERS DEGREES!**

The Rural Inservice Educator Stipend provides up to $6,000 to talented inservice PK-12 educators working in a rural Colorado school district to enroll in a program that prepares them to (a) **teach concurrent enrollment courses**; (b) **add an additional endorsement** (e.g., Special Education Generalist (K-12); Middle School Math (6-8); or World Languages (K-12) etc.); or (c) **fulfill a local faculty need**.

To learn more, visit the Rural Inservice Educator Stipend webpage on the Center’s website. Applications for the Rural Inservice Educator Stipend are due **September 1**th.

The $10,000 **Colorado Rural Teaching Fellowship** is available to selected candidates who complete a year-long clinical experience in a rural school district during the final year of their teacher preparation programs. To learn more about the Fellowship, visit the **Colorado Rural Teaching Fellowship** page on our website. Fellowship applications are due **August 15, 2020**.

Know of an educator who is interested in becoming a **National Board Certified Teacher**? Learn more about the $4,250 National Board Certified Teacher stipend and the Rural National Board Cohort by visiting the **National Board Certified Teacher Stipend** webpage. National Board applications are due **September 15**th.
Are you working with individuals looking to make a career change or get into the field of teaching via alternative licensure? Investigate the requirements to for the Rural Alternative Licensure Stipend by visiting the Rural Alternative Licensure Stipend page. Alternative Licensure applications are due September 30th.

EVENTS

The 51st Annual CASE Summer Convention is going virtual!
51st Annual CASE Convention will be held July 29 & 30 on a new virtual platform! Although the format will look and feel different, what will be unchanged are the outstanding learning sessions specifically designed to address your most pressing and immediate needs. Registration for the 51st Annual CASE Convention is now available, click here to register and attend!

CASE 2020 Rural Summit Pre-convention: Postponed to 2021
The Rural Summit Pre-Con has been postponed until 2021. We look forward to connecting with everyone again next year as we discuss a variety of rural education topics in a face-to-face setting.

Virtual National Forum to Advance (November 12-13, 2020)
This year’s theme, “Rural Education: Recovery, Renewal, and Resilience: 21st Century Education in Rural America” was selected because over the past few months we have seen extraordinary alternative learning experiences, as well as significant educational access and equity challenges. Attending will enable you to connect with a diverse community of national experts, K–12 and higher education practitioners, researchers, and policymakers to learn, collaborate, and lead 21st century learning across rural America.

RESOURCES

Strategies to Support Remote Learning Along a Continuum of Internet Access (REL Central)
This REL Central Quick Chat, presenters discuss strategies school districts can use to bridge the digital divide and support student learning at home. During this 30-minute discussion, presenters from Colorado and Texas share strategies to consider in the development of remote learning plans that require and do not require internet access.

SPOTLIGHT PROGRAMS

Redefining Rural Podcast: Leading, Listening and Learning
Redefining Rural is a Colorado State University - Global Campus sponsored series focused on bringing awareness to the rural communities of Colorado in the education sector. Being a part of the regular podcasts helps you learn and collaborate with rural leaders to support our rural students and educators. Led by Michelle Murphy of Colorado Rural Alliance, Kirk Banghart of Colorado Rural Education Collaborative and Denille LePlatt of Rural Services at the Colorado Department of Education the Redefining Rural podcast is a must!

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