Colorado Rural Teaching Stipend Application

For students completing their student teaching during the Fall Semester 2020

Due March 31, 2020
Application Instructions for Colorado Rural Teaching Stipend

The Colorado Center for Rural Education and the Colorado Department of Higher Education seek to encourage talented teacher candidates to student teach in Colorado rural school districts and eventually become a teacher in a Colorado rural school district. The value of the stipend is $4,000 for the semester of student teaching. Stipend recipients complete student teaching in a Colorado rural school district and then apply and work at a rural school district after graduating.

Eligible Applicants Must Meet the Following Criteria:

1. Be enrolled in a teacher preparation program at one of the Colorado institutes of higher education.
2. Be already placed in a student teaching experience within a Colorado rural school district (note: if placement has not been finalized, applicants are still encouraged to apply. Simply leave placement information fields blank).
3. Pursue a career as a full-time teacher in a Colorado rural school district after graduation and securing a Colorado teaching license.
4. Have completed all requirements for their undergraduate degree except their student teaching experience.

Preference will be given to the teacher candidates in any of the following high need areas:
- Science
- Mathematics
- Special Education
- Cultural/linguistic diversity
- Willingness to teach in one of the rural school districts (especially small rural schools districts with less than 1000 students) that are located 50 miles or more from major metropolitan areas and outside of the Front-Range region of Colorado.

Selection and Award Process: In the event that the number of applications in any stipend category exceeds the amount of available funding provided by the General Assembly, stipend recipients will be selected using a random lottery draw and by CDE region. Of the total applications and to the greatest extent possible, 55% will be awarded to individuals working in small rural school districts, and 45% will be awarded to individuals working in rural school districts.

Definition of Colorado Rural School District: For the purpose of this stipend, any Colorado school district with a student enrollment of 6500 students or less is defined as a rural school district. Preference for student teaching placement will be given to those school districts that are also located 50 miles or more from major metropolitan areas and outside of the Front-Range region of Colorado. The current list of rural school districts is located here.

Directions: Only complete applications will be accepted and can be
(a) Delivered by hand to UNC McKee Hall 282A;
(b) Mailed to UNC, Colorado Center for Rural Education, 501 20th Street, Campus Box 106, Greeley, CO 80639-0028; or
(c) Scanned and emailed to coloradoruralteachingstipend@unco.edu.

For more information, contact Dr. Valerie Sherman, Rural Education Coordinator by phone (970.351.3061) or by email (valerie.sherman@unco.edu). More information about the Colorado Center for Rural Education Rural Teaching stipend can be found at www.unco.edu/colorado-center-for-rural-education. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application due date (must be post-marked or received by this date): March 31, 2020.
**Application Requirements**

1. **Application Cover Sheet and Checklist** (third page of this document).

2. **Completed General Application Information and Agreement form** (fourth and fifth pages of this document).

3. **An official transcript** from the university or college supervising your student teaching and unofficial transcripts for all other universities and colleges you have attended or are currently enrolled in.
# Checklist and Cover Sheet for Colorado Rural Teaching Stipend

## Application Checklist

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### General Application Information and Agreement form (Pages four and five)

- **Name (Last, First, MI):** 
- **Student ID#:** 
- **College/University:** 
- **Term/Year:**

- **Placement School District and School Name (if available):**

- **Student Teaching Assignment (grade levels & content areas, if available):**

- **Cooperating Teacher (if available):**

- **E-Mail Address:**

- **University Supervisor**
- **E-Mail Address:**
General Applicant Information and Agreement for Colorado Rural Teaching Stipend

Date: 

Name: ___________________________ Student ID Number: ___________________________

Preferred Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________

City, State, Zip Code: ____________________________________________________________

Permanent Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________

City, State, Zip Code: ____________________________________________________________

Preferred Phone: ___________________________ Alt Phone: ____________________________

Preferred e-mail: ___________________________ Alt e-mail: ____________________________

DEMOGRAPHICS

The Colorado Rural Teaching Stipend program requires the following information:

Birth date (MM/DD/YEAR): ___________________________ Gender (check one): □ M □ F

How do you describe yourself? (Check all that apply):

Ethnicity/Race(s):

☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White

If you have not checked any of the above, please share how you self-identify yourself: 

ACADEMICS:

Current Major: ___________________________ Minor: ___________________________

Preferred CO teaching license endorsement area: ______________________________________

What year and semester are you planning to graduate? ____________________________
Colorado Rural Teaching Scholars

Please list individuals we may contact to provide a recommendation (2 required). You may also include information for up to two additional contacts.

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Colorado Rural Teaching Stipend Signature and Agreement

1. Should I receive the Colorado Rural Teaching Stipend, I am obligated to fulfill the requirements of the program to the best of my ability.
2. I give permission to Colorado Center for Rural Education to release this information to the Colorado Department of Higher Education, if required.
3. I give the University of Northern Colorado and the Colorado Department of Higher Education permission to publicize my Rural Teaching Stipend Award and post my photograph.
4. I understand that my Rural Teaching Stipend might affect other financial aid awards, and it is up to me to verify this by checking with the Financial Aid Office at my institution.
5. I also agree that I will student teach in a rural school district and I am expected to apply and interview at a rural school district after graduation.
6. I understand that I may be asked to provide information the Center could use for research and evaluation purposes in the future.
7. I certify by my signature that I have read and understood the information in this application and that it is complete and accurate.

Applicant Signature ___________________________ Date: ____________

(Digital or Scanned)

Printed Name ___________________________