

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 \$2,800 for the semester of student teaching. Stipend recipients are expected to complete student teaching in a Colorado rural school district and then apply and work at a rural school district. If selected as a Rural Teaching Scholar, the recipient will receive half of the stipend at the start of student teaching (first \$1,400) and the remaining half (second \$1,400) when they successfully complete student teaching and expect to work in a Colorado rural school district.

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 placed in a student teaching experience within a Colorado rural school district.
3. Be committed to teach in a Colorado rural school district for **three years** upon graduating with your teaching degree.
4. Have completed all requirements for their undergraduate degree and educator licensing program except the student teaching experience.
5. Have an earned GPA (cumulative grade point average) of 2.75 out of 4.00 or above.
6. Be committed to maintain communications with the Colorado Center of Rural Education staff during the student teaching period to share experiences, complete surveys, and provide a letter from the university student teaching supervisor verifying the student has successfully completed the student teaching requirement in a Colorado rural school district.

Preference will be given to the teacher candidates in any of the following high need areas:

- Science
- Mathematics
- Special Education
- Cultural/linguistic diversity
- Committed to teach for three years in one of the rural school districts (especially small rural school 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.

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.

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