Concurrent Enrollment Educator Qualification
Stipend Application
2020/2021 Academic Year

Application Deadline: September 1, 2020
Application Instructions for Concurrent Enrollment Educator Qualification Stipend

The Colorado Center for Rural Education and the Colorado Department of Higher Education encourage talented K-12 educators in rural Colorado school districts to pursue the necessary qualifications to teach concurrent enrollment courses. The stipend provides recipients with $6,000 for completion of an approved graduate program enabling an individual to teach Concurrent Enrollment courses that is offered by one of Colorado’s institutions of higher education.

Eligible Applicants Must Meet the Following Criteria:

1. Be employed in one of Colorado’s 146 rural or small rural school districts (see below).
2. Provide evidence of full admission to a program at one of Colorado’s institutions of higher education with a plan of study that includes the necessary coursework to fulfill the qualifications of college faculty (e.g., copy of official admission letter from the Graduate School).
3. Provide a written timeline for program completion. Normally this is within three years of starting the program.
4. Commit to complete a Master’s degree, if the applicant does not already hold this degree, which is required to teach concurrent enrollment classes.
5. Commit to teach concurrent enrollment classes in a Colorado rural school district for a minimum of three years. Applicants awarded the Concurrent Enrollment Educator Qualification Stipend will be required to sign a promissory note.
6. Be committed to remain in a rural school district for a period of three (3) years after accepting the stipend. Applicants awarded the Concurrent Enrollment Educator Qualification Stipend will be required to sign a promissory note.

Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a willingness to teach concurrent enrollment classes 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: A Colorado school district is determined to be rural giving consideration to the size of the district, the distance from the nearest large urban/urbanized area, and having a student enrollment of 6,500 students or less. Small rural districts are those districts meeting these same criteria and having a student population of less than 1,000 students. The current official CDE list of rural and small rural districts can be accessed at the following website: https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeedserv/march2020ruraldesignationlist

Note: Eligible applicants must demonstrate a willingness to teach in a rural school district (especially small rural school districts with less than 1000 students) 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 Colorado General Assembly, stipend recipients will be selected using a random lottery draw and distributed evenly by CDE region. Of the total applications, 55% will be awarded to individuals working in small rural school districts, and 45% will be awarded to individuals working in rural school districts.
Application Components and Requirements
A complete CEEQ application packet includes the following:
1. A completed General Application and Agreement Form (this document);
2. An acceptance letter from your institution of higher education (see below)

Item 2 can either be
   a. scanned and emailed to concurrentenrollmentstipend@unco.edu.
   b. printed and mailed to:

   University of Northern Colorado
   Colorado Center for Rural Education
   501 20th Street
   Campus Box 106
   Greeley, CO 80639-0028

Incomplete applications will not be considered. For more information, contact Dr. Valerie Sherman by phone (970.351.3061) or by email (valerie.sherman@unco.edu).

More information about the Colorado Center for Rural Education CEEQ stipend can be found at https://www.unco.edu/colorado-center-for-rural-education/.
Cover Sheet for Concurrent Enrollment Educator Qualification Stipend

Name (Last, First, MI): 

Application Checklist

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Signature and Agreement

1. I understand that value of the Concurrent Enrollment Educator Qualification stipend is $6,000.
2. Should I receive the Concurrent Enrollment Educator Qualification Stipend, I am obligated to fulfill the requirements of the program to the best of my ability.
3. I give permission to Colorado Center for Rural Education to release this information to the Colorado Department of Higher Education, if required.
4. 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.
5. I understand that my Concurrent Enrollment Educator Qualification 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.
6. I agree that I will continue teaching in a rural school district for three (3) years after accepting the stipend.
7. I understand that I may be asked to provide information the Center could use for research and evaluation purposes in the future.
8. I certify by my signature that I have read and understood the information in this application and that it is complete and accurate.

Applicant’s Signature ___________________________ Date ____________
(digital or scanned if sent electronically)
PERSONAL INFORMATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Name (Last, First, MI): 

Preferred Address: 

City, State, Zip Code: 

Preferred Phone: Alternate Phone: 

Preferred e-mail: Alternate e-mail: 

Birthdate (MM/DD/YY): Gender: 

How would you describe yourself? (Select all that apply):

- Hispanic or Latino
- America 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:

Are you a veteran? Yes No

Do you have a qualified disability? Yes No
EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Name of School District: ____________________________

School Name: ____________________________

School Mailing Address: ____________________________

City, State, Zip Code: ____________________________

Teaching Assignment (grade levels and/or content field): ____________________________

Principal Name: ____________________________

Principal email: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

GRADUATE PROGRAM INFORMATION

Note: In order to teach concurrent enrollment courses (i.e., dual enrollment classes), the teacher needs a Master’s degree and at least 18 graduate credits in the content area. For example, to be qualified to teach a dual enrolled math course, an individual must complete the 18 graduate credits in mathematics. The 18 credits may be part of the Master’s or the Master’s may be in another area from the 18 credits. In order to receive this stipend, applicants must already be accepted and enrolled in a qualified program leading to concurrent enrollment educator qualification.

In what Academic Program (College/Program name) did you enroll to meet the concurrent enrollment teaching qualifications?

University: ____________________________

Program: ____________________________

Student ID (if available) ____________________________

What year and semester (Summer, Fall, Spring) do you plan to begin your program?

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What will be your Concurrent Enrollment Area of Endorsement?

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**REFERENCES**

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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