

## Teach Colorado Grant Overview

Senate Bill 08-133, signed into law by Governor Ritter in May 2008, established the Teach Colorado Grant Initiative to give financial incentives to college students to enter the teaching profession and thereby increase the number of teachers in high-need areas, including but not limited to mathematics, science, special education, English language acquisition, music and world languages. Under this bill, the DHE is authorized to administer a program of grants to public institutions of higher education, which in turn will create scholarships for high-ability students in approved teacher preparation programs who excel in high-need content areas and who demonstrate an interest in or commitment to teaching as a career.

Institution	Scholarships	In- Direct	Total
Colorado State University-Pueblo	\$92,590	\$7,407	\$99,997
Mesa State College	\$92,593		\$92,593
Metropolitan State College of Denver	\$92,593	\$7,407	\$100,000
University of Colorado Denver	\$91,000	\$7,280	\$98,280
University of Northern Colorado	\$92,593	\$7,407	\$100,000

Colorado State University-Pueblo is working with four community colleges to recruit 65 new teachers in high need content areas. Awards will range from \$300-\$1,500 per student based upon enrollment.

Mesa State College is working with School District 51 and Garfield 16, as well as the Western Colorado Math and Science center to recruit and train 20 teachers in math and science.

Students will receive \$4,324.60 towards tuition for 30 hours.

Metropolitan State College of Denver is going to provide scholarships to 71 students in high need content areas during their year of student teaching. Recipients will also serve as mentors to future student teachers. Students will receive \$1,304.13 each for tuition.

University of Colorado Denver is working to develop a pipeline to recruit new teachers to high need schools in hard to staff urban areas. It is designed to begin recruitment at the high school level and carry throughout the college experience. Scholarships in the amount of \$3,500 will be provided to 26 new students who are entering teaching.

University of Northern Colorado is going to provide scholarships to students who commit to student teaching in high-poverty or rural schools in high need content areas. Scholarships will range from \$2,600-\$3,700 per recipient towards the cost of tuition.

The director of each project selected for funding must complete a midterm evaluation, **due February 17, 2009**. The midterm evaluation shall be a brief summary of the monies allocated and how the scholarships are meeting the intent of the initiative. The director of each project selected for funding must also complete a final performance report, **due September 14, 2009**, using the major objectives of the initiative and a final accounting report. The financial records of each funded project shall be made available for inspection or audit on reasonable notice from the DHE.