

**How does a person in Colorado pay for college to become a teacher?**

**Options for High School Students**

* High School Concurrent Enrollment: up to 60 credit hours FREE
	+ <https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/concurrentenrollment>
* TREP (Teacher Recruitment Education and Preparation): up to 48 credit hours FREE
	+ <https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/trep>)
* ASCENT (Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment): up to 39 credit hours FREE
	+ <https://www.cde.state.co.us/postsecondary/ce_ascent>

**Options for College and University Students**

* Earn money by serving as a paraprofessional and/or substitute teacher.
	+ Substitutes make an average of $145 per day with a high of $186 per day.
	+ Paraprofessionals make an average of $18.27 per hour with a high of $22.81 per hour.
* Advance Colorado: up to 60 credit hours FREE
	+ <https://cccs.edu/new-students/explore-programs/zero-cost-training-programs/career-advance-colorado/>
* Colorado College Opportunity Fund: $116 per credit hour for public colleges and $58 per credit hour for private colleges
	+ <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/programs-services/the-college-opportunity-fund>
* Pell Grant: For the 2023–24 award year, the maximum Pell Grant through FAFSA award is $7,395.
	+ <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/pell>
* CDE ERR (Colorado Department of Education Educator Recruitment and Retention): up to $10,000
	+ <https://www.cde.state.co.us/educatortalent/recruitmentoutline>
* Colorado Center for Rural Education Student Teaching Stipend: $4,000
	+ <https://www.unco.edu/colorado-center-for-rural-education/stipends/student-teaching-stipend.aspx>
* CDHE (Colorado Department of Higher Education) Rural Teaching Fellowship: up to $10,000
	+ <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/rural-teaching-fellowship>
* CDHE (Colorado Department of Higher Education) Student Teaching Stipend: $11,000 (semester residency) or $22,000 (year-long residency)
	+ <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/programs-and-services/programs/k-12-educator-stipends-resources>
* CDHE (Colorado Department of Higher Education) Student Educator Test Stipend Program: costs associated with the assessment of professional competencies
	+ <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/programs-and-services/programs/k-12-educator-stipends-resources>
* AmeriCorps, TutorCorps Reading Tutors, Math Tutors: variable living stipend
	+ <https://www.cde.state.co.us/educatortalent/recruitmentoutline>
* TEACH Colorado: variable scholarships and application fee reimbursements
	+ <https://colorado.teach.org/services/scholarship>
* Private Family Foundations: Consult with your college or university financial aid office.

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