



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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