Applications Open for Two Teaching Stipends, Deadline January 31

Each stipend can provide up to $4,000 for student teachers

(INDIANAPOLIS) – Two scholarship opportunities for teachers are now open, according to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. The Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Stipend for Minorities and the Student Teaching Stipend for High-Need Fields applications are open through January 31.

“Indiana is committed to attracting more quality teachers, especially teachers of color and those teaching high-need subject matter to better serve Hoosier students,” said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Teresa Lubbers. “Because student teaching is critical to equipping future teachers with the tools needed for success, we hope that these stipends can help alleviate some of the costs of college.”

Braylen Porter teaches sixth grade math at Westlane Middle School in Indianapolis and was awarded both the Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Stipend for Minorities and the High-Need Fields stipend.

“My advice to current students is that they need to explore their options and make sure they have a plan to be able to afford college. There are many financial aid opportunities out there but you have to put in the work to find them,” said Porter.

The Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Stipend for Minorities is open to minority students (defined as Black and Hispanic individuals) who will participate in student teaching or a school administration internship as part of their degree requirements. The Student Teaching Stipend for High-Need Fields is available to students planning to teach in special education or math at either the middle or high school level. Eligible students can receive up to $4,000 per stipend, or $8,000 if awarded both.

Students have until January 31, 2020 to submit the application for each stipend. For instructions on how to apply, visit learnmoreindiana.org/futureteacher.

Additionally, time is running out to apply for the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, which provides 200 scholarships for up to $30,000 for aspiring teachers to teach in Indiana for at least five years after graduation. The application closes November 30; more information is available at learnmoreindiana.org/nextteacher.

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representatives from each Congressional district, three at-large members, a college faculty representative and a college student representative. Learn more about the Commission's *Reaching Higher, Delivering Value* strategic plan at [www.in.gov/che/](http://www.in.gov/che/).