



Student Teacher Stipend Guidelines

Purpose.

Without Agricultural Educators, students are neither able to enroll in Agricultural Education nor participate in FFA. Every year, Ag Ed programs are left unfilled or are closed due to the shortage of qualified Ag Ed teachers entering and staying in the profession. The Montana FFA Foundation supports Ag Ed teacher recruitment and retention in an effort to meet the teacher demand. The Student Teacher stipend is available to assist Ag Ed student teachers with their expenses during their student teaching semester. This money can be used for anything from tuition to travel.

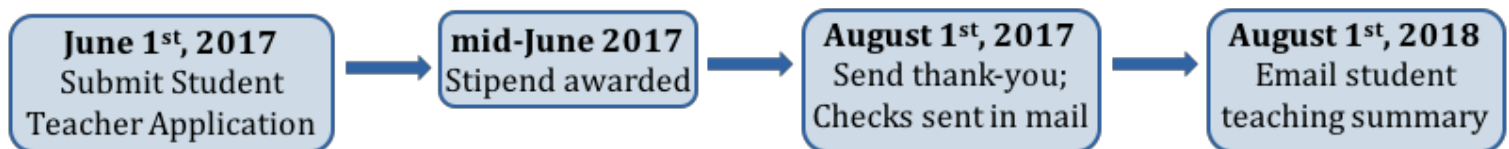
Who can apply.

Any Agricultural Education major enrolled in a Montana secondary institution who will be completing their student teaching during the award cycle (fall or spring of upcoming academic year) is eligible to apply. Applicants MUST express interest in teaching agriculture following their student teaching semester.

Application timeline.

The award cycle is a yearlong from the date that checks are sent to the students. A link to the online application will be posted on the Montana FFA website when the application opens: *montanaffa.org > Association > Applications*

➤ <http://montanaffa.org/applications/>



Application Checklist

- Submit online Student Teacher Stipend Application by June 1st
- Reference letter from university advisor or professor mailed to Montana FFA Foundation by June 1st

Reporting expectations.

Students must submit a thank-you to the Montana FFA Foundation immediately following the award notification (see *Application timeline*). The thank-you card should be written to “Student Teacher Stipend Donors” and mailed to the following address:

Montana FFA Foundation
502 S 19th Ave. Suite 113
Bozeman, MT 59718

By the end of the award cycle, students must also submit a summary of their student teaching experience to support@montanaffa.org that includes the following:

- Summary of student teaching experience, 4-5 paragraphs in length
- Two (2) photos documenting instructional practice (formal or informal)

Funding available.

The Montana FFA Foundation awards a total of \$5,000 for all student teachers (fall and spring semesters of upcoming academic year, combined).