

**Colorado Society of School Psychologists
Early Career Professional Mini Grant**



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Description of Mini-Grant

The Colorado Society of School Psychologists has a mini-grant program designed to support new practitioners. **For the 2020-2021 school year, \$800 is available for mini-grants, with maximum amount awarded per grant of \$400.** Mini-grant funds may be used for the following purposes: materials to support direct instruction in a classroom; education and training materials; relevant professional development activities/workshops; assessment materials; items which help meet the basic needs of children; therapeutic curricula; relevant apps and/or games; and books for children. **Grants may not be used for CSSP fall conference registration fees.**

CSSP Early Career Professional Mini-Grants are completely dependent on private donations and proceeds from the CSSP silent auction held at the annual fall conference.

Qualifications

Early career school psychologists with the following qualifications are eligible to apply for a mini-grant:

- Currently working in the field of school psychology in a school in Colorado
- Less than 3 years of experience and/or graduation from a school psychology graduate program within the last 3 years. If you are in your third year of practice, you may apply.
- Current member of the Colorado Society of School Psychologists

***IMPORTANT:** By accepting this mini-grant, the awardee(s) will give back to CSSP by writing an article for the CSSP newsletter about your work as a school psychologist that makes a difference in the lives of children. This should include information about your mini-grant and how you used the funding.

Application Requirements

Early career school psychologists meeting the above qualifications may apply for a mini-grant by **October 18th, 2020** by completing the application questions and sending their responses, along with their curriculum vita/resume to **Bri Swanson at bmay843@gmail.com** You will receive an email confirming your submission once it is received.

Your submission will be reviewed and you will hear from Bri regarding an award via email by **Sunday, November 8th, 2020**. All applicants can expect to be contacted, whether their application is awarded or not. Subsequently, your award will be announced during the CSSP Conference, which will be held at the Vail Marriott Resort in Vail, Colorado on November 7th-9th. While it is not mandatory that winners be in attendance, it is preferable that applicants are able to attend the conference luncheon on Friday, November 8th.

Application Questions

1. How do you plan to use the mini-grant funds to affect the lives of children (please include specific information regarding your budget and the costs associated with the activities/materials)?
2. How will these funds help you achieve one or more of your professional goals?
3. How do you plan to monitor the success or efficacy of the activities/materials the grant will be able to provide to you?
4. As a new practitioner, how have you shown a dedication or commitment to the field of school psychology? Why do you feel you stand out in comparison to other applicants?