



Colorado Society of School Psychologists

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Description of Mini-Grant

The Colorado Society of School Psychologists has a mini-grant program designed to support new practitioners. The CSSP Early Career Mini-Grant is completely dependent on private donations and proceeds from the CSSP raffle held at the annual fall conference. **For the 2023-2024 school year, \$800 is available for mini-grants, with a 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 or virtually; 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.**

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 6th, 2023** by completing the application via the Google Form link below which includes attaching your curriculum vita/resume. You will receive an email confirming your submission once it is received.

[Application Link](#)

Your submission will be reviewed by a committee, and all applicants will be contacted whether their application is awarded or not. Grant winners will also be announced and celebrated during the CSSP Conference during the Fishbowl Raffle Event, scheduled to take place the evening of November 3, 2023. As always, we encourage mini-grant recipients to attend the CSSP conference, but you are not required to attend in order to win.

Application Questions

1. How do you plan to use the mini-grant funds to affect the lives of children?
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?