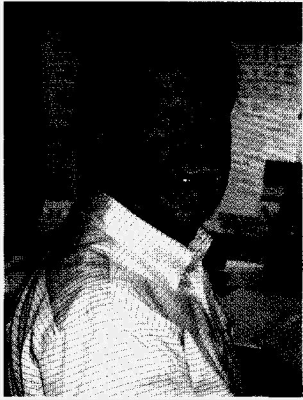


CSPTTP TALK



The California School Paraprofessional Teacher Training Program (CSPTTP) is a state-funded scholarship program supporting paraeducators studying at local community colleges and universities, and who aspire to become future K-12 teachers. To qualify, applicants must be employed as paraprofessionals with Los Angeles Unified School District and be Career Ladder members.

University and community college scholarship recipients are annually awarded up to \$3000 or \$1250 respectively for tuition expenses, receive career advisement, partial reimbursement for CBEST and CSET or RICA *preparation*, reimbursement for the CBEST *exam*, partial payment for their Certificate of Clearance application and evaluation of foreign transcripts.

Most recipients are pursuing a career in elementary education, special education, or secondary mathematics, science, foreign languages or English. Participants must maintain a minimum 2.75 grade point average, complete eighteen semester or twenty-four quarter units per academic year, and agree to work as a LAUSD teacher for one year for each year of scholarship support.

Question: What benefit do Career Ladder members most often fail to take advantage of?

Answer: A significant number of Career Ladder members frequently satisfy their university's Certificate of Clearance (criminal record background check) application requirement at their university campus. Generally, the cost is \$83. The Career Ladder office provides this same service and members can save \$56 of the total cost by contacting Joe Ryan and making a Livescan appointment through the Career Ladder office.

Question: How often does the CSPTTP scholarship reimburse its participants?

Answer: Scholarship participants receive tuition reimbursement payments twice a year. Beginning every new academic year (July through June) and upon verification of college/university enrollment, the fall term scholarship payment is distributed in October. Upon annual review of each participant's academic achievement, the spring term payment is distributed the following July.

Question: What is the most frequent reason scholarship recipients don't receive a timely payment?

Answer: Generally speaking, recipients fail to complete Career Ladder Performance Assessments. Career Ladder participants are expected to complete performance assessments (PAs) based on the following educational benchmarks: high school diploma, PA #1; 12 semester or 18 quarter units, PA #2; 60 semester or 90 quarter units PA #3; 90 semester or 135 quarter units PA #4.

Do you have questions? Contact Career Specialist Joe Ryan at: (213) 241-4571.

California School Paraprofessional Teacher Training Program (CSPTTP) Scholarship



Future Teacher Scholarships Available!

The California School Paraprofessional Teacher Training Program (CSPTTP) is a state-funded scholarship program that supports future teachers studying at local community colleges and universities. Applicants must be employed as paraprofessionals with Los Angeles Unified School District. Scholarship recipients receive up to \$3,000 per year as a reimbursement for educational expenses.

CSPTTP recipients:

- pursue a career in elementary education, special education, foreign language, secondary mathematics, science or English;
- maintain a minimum 2.75 grade point average;
- complete eighteen semester or twenty-four quarter units per academic year; and
- agree to work as an LAUSD teacher for one year for each year of support received.

If you believe you qualify, forward a copy of your most recent college/university transcript and our Waiting List Application form (<http://www.teachinla.com/ladder/forms.htm>) to the Career Ladder office.

For more information all Joe Ryan at
(213) 241-4571.