

Colorado Rural Health
Scholars Program



January 14, 2014

Dear Counselors/Advisors,

We would like to invite your rural high school students (current sophomores and juniors) to apply to the Colorado Rural Health Scholars Program.

The enclosed information sheet should give you a feel for the nature of our program. In brief, we are a non-profit group sponsored by the University of Colorado School of Medicine and University Hospital. **All students receive a full scholarship for tuition and room and board** so that participation is free of charge and the program pays all student expenses. Students are exposed to science and health careers through instruction, taught by University of Colorado Health Science Center faculty and medical students, laboratories, volunteer experience at a local hospital, mentors, and group activities. We also expose the students to the process of applying to colleges and develop their note taking, writing, and public speaking skills.

The student to staff ratio is approximately 2:1 with eight medical students who live with students in the dorms and act as counselors. Thus, every participant is ensured individualized instruction. The **3-week** program runs from **Sunday, June 8th 2014 - Saturday, June 28th 2014**, and will be an intense educational experience. The students also receive the added benefit of living in a college dormitory at a local university.

When encouraging students to apply for the program, please remember that we are looking for mature, enthusiastic, and motivated students who are willing to work hard and who would benefit from this type of educational experience. This does not necessarily mean only top academic students will be selected. All applicants are evaluated on an individual basis with special attention given to minority status as well as family and economic situations. Forty final applicants will be interviewed by phone before final selections are made, with twenty students being invited to participate. Remind students that materials are to be postmarked or emailed **no later than Friday, March 28th, 2014**.

There is no limit to the number of students that can apply from your school.

Thank you for your interest in the Colorado Rural Health Scholars Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ericson Stoen".

Ericson Stoen
Co-Director, CoRHSP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mindy Nguyen".

Mindy Nguyen
Co-Director, CoRHSP

Counties: Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Fremont, Huerfano, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lake, Larimar, Las Animas, Lincoln, Logan, Mineral, Morgan, Phillips, Rio Grande, Saguache, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld, Yuma, Otero, Park, Prowers, Pueblo, Teller, and any other not yet listed.

Contacts: Corhsp@gmail.com
Mindy Nguyen
Ericson Stoen



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Colorado Rural Health Scholars Program
Application for Participants 2014

Name _____ Year in School in **Fall 2014:** 11 12
Address _____ School Name _____
City/State/Zip _____ School Address _____
Home phone _____
Cell phone _____ School Telephone _____
Sex _____ Birth date ____/____/____ Student e-mail address _____

The goal of this program is to expose students to science and health careers, with special consideration given to minority and economically disadvantaged students. While students will not be chosen solely based on the information below, it will be taken into consideration during the selection process.

Name of Parents or Legal Guardian _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home Telephone _____

Primary language spoken at home: _____

Ethnicity _____

Total number of family members (including yourself) _____

Who do you live with at home? (include parents, siblings, or other relatives): _____

Parents' occupation (Give description of work and name of employer):

Father _____ Mother _____

Parents' level of education:

How many years of schooling have your parents completed? (0, 6=elementary, 8=middle school, 12=high school, 16=college graduate, 16+ = advanced degree)

Father _____ Mother _____

Combined parental income per year (optional) _____

I certify that I have completed this application by myself and everything is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

High school student's signature

Date

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED. IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED, ATTACH ONLY ONE SHEET OF PAPER.

1. What interests you about science and/or health care?

2. What do you hope to gain from the Colorado Rural Health Scholars Program experience?

3. Tell us about something that you have accomplished that you are proud of.

- 4. Maturity is an important characteristic that we and future employers and colleges will be looking for. Tell us about a conflict that you've been a part of, and explain what steps you had to take in order to resolve it.**



Please attach the following:

- A. An **official** copy of your high school transcript.
- B. Two letters of recommendation. (Note: these must be mailed or emailed separately and must meet the deadline)
 - 1. One from a teacher, preferably science or math.
 - 2. One from an adult who knows you well, but is not a relative.
(i.e. employer, counselor, teacher, coach, or clergy member)
- C. A self-addressed, stamped envelope with which we can notify you of our decision
- D. Photograph

Email all materials to:

corhsp@gmail.com

Or Mail to:

CoRHSP Coordinator
University of Colorado School of Medicine
Office of Student Affairs
Campus Box C292
13120 East 19th Avenue
Aurora, CO 80045

Applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than **Friday, March 28th, 2014**. This includes all recommendations and transcripts.

Important Note: We will select approximately 40 students for phone interviews. These will be conducted from April 7 - April 23. If you will not be at home during these times, you must let us know in your application!

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Program Dates: June 8, 2014 to June 28, 2014

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What are we?

CoRHSP is an intensive academic program designed for students interested in the medical field, including physician, nursing, physician's assistant, physical therapy, dentistry, pharmacy, etc. During the program, participants divide their time between instruction, group project work, laboratories, hospital volunteer positions, educational field trips, recreational field trips, and time spent with a mentor. The program is fairly structured, however there is free time scheduled during the week. Nearly all activities are done as a group and we are planning a fun and educational summer experience!

When is it?

CoRHSP extends from **June 8 through June 28, 2014** seven days a week. You must be free for the entire program duration in order to participate. Students remain at the University on the weekends.

Where is it?

Students will be housed for the duration of the program in a dormitory at Regis University. Classes and laboratories will be held at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center with clinical experience at nearby Denver hospitals.

What do students get from the program?

- **A full-ride scholarship.** The program pays for all student expenses of tuition, books, classroom fees, and room and board. Transportation to and from Denver at the beginning and end of the program is the responsibility of the student's family.
- **A close circle of friends with similar goals and interests.**
- **Clinical experience.** All students volunteer at a local hospital two days a week.
- **An intense and rewarding educational experience.** Students will be lectured to by some of the best professors and student instructors at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. While this experience will be fun, students will be expected to put forth effort in the classroom and will be tested. A team approach to learning is emphasized.
- **A continuing network with the program.** Students' relationship with CoRHSP will continue after the formal program has ended. We will continue to keep students informed of educational opportunities as they become known to us.
- **Letters of recommendation for college and employment.** Many of the academic staff affiliated with the program can write college recommendation letters.
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