

Troops to Teachers Eligibility and Registration



COLORADO
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To be eligible for the Troops to Teachers program, you must meet at least one of the conditions under each of the **Education and Military Service Requirements** sections that follow.



Education Requirements for ALL Participants

- A. **Academic Participation:**
 - 1) Baccalaureate or advanced degree from an accredited institution at the time of registration.
- B. **Vocational/Technical Participation:**
 - 1) Meet state vocational/tech. teacher requirements or
 - 2) Have the equivalent of one year of college with six years of military experience in the vocational or technical field.

Eligibility for Referral and Placement Assistance Only

Military Service Requirements

- A. Any military member with an honorable discharge or any military member who is currently serving is eligible for referral and placement assistance.

Eligibility for Financial Assistance

Military Service Requirements

Individuals in the following categories whose last period of service is characterized as honorable and also meet the education requirements previously noted, may apply for financial assistance:

- A. Active Duty
 - 1) Retired from active duty. Must register within three years of retirement.
 - 2) Active duty member with approved date of retirement and has one year or less remaining before retirement.
 - 3) Active duty personnel separated within the last three years for a service-determined physical disability. *Note: Physical Disability must be noted on service separation documentation not a VA determination. Medical discharge is not the same as discharge due to physical disability.*
- B. Reserve Component (RC)
 - 1) Retired from the Selected Reserve. Must register within three years of retirement.
 - 2) Currently serving in the Selected Reserve with 6 or more years of creditable service towards retirement and commit to serving an additional three years or until eligible for retirement.
 - 3) Selected Reserve personnel separated within the last three years for a service-determined physical disability. *Note: Physical Disability must be noted on service separation documentation not a VA determination. Medical discharge is not the same as discharge due to physical disability. or*
 - 4) Transitioning from active duty and have served at least 4 years on active duty and commit to three years with the Selected Reserve.



Financial Assistance Obligations: Individuals receiving financial assistance must agree to teach for three years in targeted schools. Selected Reserve personnel must also commit to continue in the Selected Reserve for an additional three years or until eligible for retirement, whichever is less.

Registration Information

You can register for Troops to Teacher online at: www.proudtoserveagain.com

**If you do not have email capabilities, you will not be able to register online.

Contact Colorado Troops to Teachers with any eligibility/registration questions.
1-719-526-2208/1201 or TroopsToTeachersCO@cde.state.co.us
