

## Introductory Text



### **Application: Mental Health Training Fellowship for Paraeducators**

We are now accepting applications from Iowa school districts for our Mental Health Training Fellowship for Paraeducators. Each fellowship will provide \$10,000 per paraeducator to districts to support the development and advancement of their paraeducators. Each district can apply for up to 3 fellowships.

### **Fellowship Requirements**

- Selected paraeducators will complete 3 in-person [Imagine Iowa](#) training blocks followed by enrollment in a digital platform for additional content/activities/coaching to meet licensure credit requirements (15 hours total = 1 licensure credit).
- [Imagine Iowa](#) is an evidence-informed curriculum designed to support educators and K-12 stakeholders to improve their knowledge, skills, and attitudes about mental health. This curriculum will provide the opportunity to engage with topics such as mental health literacy, immediate crisis response, and advocacy, all of which will create an atmosphere of inclusion and wellness in classrooms and schools.

- The in-person training will take place in Iowa City, Iowa on May 3, 10, and 17.

### **Funding Distribution**

- Districts will receive \$2,000 at the start of the fellowship. These funds must be used to support all expenses associated with paraeducators attending the 3 in-person trainings in Iowa City.
- The remaining \$8,000 will be dispersed as paraeducators complete each of the 4 parts of the program. Each of these \$2,000 payments will be distributed to the school district, and the district will, in turn, be responsible for transferring the entire \$2,000 to the paraeducator who completed that part of the program.

### **Eligibility and Selection Criteria**

- This competitive fellowship is open to all Iowa school districts that employ paraeducators to support the social, emotional, behavioral, and health needs of students. A district administrator must complete the below application. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. The first 45 complete applications will be accepted.
- Paraeducators **do not** need to be licensed to be eligible.
- A committee of Scanlan Center for School Mental Health faculty and staff will evaluate applications.
- Districts will receive a response no later than April 15, 2024.

If you have any questions, please email SCSMH-main@uiowa.edu.

**This form is to be completed by a district administrator, who should provide the name(s) and contact information of the paraeducators who will complete the program.**

## School Administrator Information

District administrator contact information:

Full Name

Professional Email

Professional Title

School District

Are you on the district leadership team?

Yes

No

Should a finance or HR director be included on future communications?

Yes

No

District finance/HR director contact information:

Full Name

Professional Email

Professional Title

School District

How many paraeducators are you nominating for this training?

- 1
- 2
- 3

### **Paraeducator Information**

Paraeducator information:

Full Name

Professional Email

How many years has  
this professional  
been serving in a  
paraeducator role?

Second Paraeducator information:

Full Name

Professional Email

How many years has  
this professional  
been serving in a  
paraeducator role?

Third Paraeducator information:

Full Name

Professional Email

How many years has  
this professional  
been serving in a  
paraeducator role?

**Questions**

Describe how this program will impact the development and advancement of the paraeducator program within your district (2500 characters).

Describe how this program will impact the lives of your students (2500 characters).