RURAL TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ALL CHILDREN NEED HIGH-QUALITY STEM EDUCATORS

Missouri S&T provides well-trained STEM educators to the state’s public schools — many who serve in rural areas where a teacher shortage exists. Almost half of the 100 or more students enrolled in S&T’s teacher education and certification program are Pell Grant-eligible and will graduate with debts to pay.

S&T’s teacher education and certification department wholeheartedly supports the students who aspire to become great STEM teachers in rural areas, where their qualifications are in demand but their compensation is often below the state’s average teacher salary.

“We’re here to make sure we serve the state of Missouri by educating its children, regardless of where they live,” says Dr. Beth Kania-Gosche, S&T’s chair and professor of teacher education and certification. “Our goal is to empower the students who will leave us to teach in underserved regions.”

THERESA LAUER

SENIOR IN MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES WITH ELEMENTARY TEACHING CERTIFICATION

“I attended a rural K–8 school for all of primary and middle school. I loved how close I was able to get with my classmates because of the small class sizes, and how well I got to know every teacher in the building. In ninth grade, I began attending school in a much larger district with high ratings. I wondered when switching schools if I would be behind because I was coming from a ‘tiny’ school with ‘less resources,’ but I realized, after the ninth grade, that I had incredible teachers at my old school who prepared me to be the student, and teacher, that I am today. It’s not the size, but the quality that matters. High quality education can only occur where there are high quality teachers, both in credentials and heart.”

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Missouri S&T’s Rural Teachers Scholarship Fund is one way to help lessen the financial burden our students experience.

Your gift to the fund will help provide students with:

- **Stipends to cover transportation costs** for field experiences.
- **Fees for background checks** and state-required examinations and other compliance requirements.
- **Financial assistance** during the 16-week unpaid student-teaching semester.
- **Professional development opportunities** such as Project Lead The Way workshops or the Space Foundation’s Space Symposium, two highly esteemed national programs that enhance STEM teaching skills.

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