

Frequently Asked Questions

- When would I be able to apply for this program?
 - July 25th, 2024 and closes August, 15th 2024.
- How does it work for SLPAs?
 - The program holds the same requirements for SLPAs, per OAR [581-17-0880](#).
- So SLPs/SLPAs apply for this, not districts?
 - Yes.
- What is my role in this as a special programs director?
 - Having forms for application on your district letterhead, confirming employment supporting the SLP/SLPA in application, and organizing the pay out to participants.
- Do we have an estimate of how much the stipend would be for SLPAs and SLPs?
 - Up to \$9000 for SLP, up to \$2000 for SLPA, and up to \$800 for mentor SLP. The award will be determined based on the final number of applicants.
- I am currently working as an SLPA and taking courses towards my BA. How would this work for me since I'm not at the point of applying to grad school?
 - The program is for SLPAs and SPLs exiting a formal program and must be completed within 3 years of that exit date.
- Is the stipend funneled through the district or how does that work?
 - After the completion of all requirements, the stipend is dispersed to the district to pay out to the participant.
- If I work for an ESD one year and then switch to a local school district, does this disqualify a person from this stipend?
 - Yes. The program requirement is to complete two consecutive years with the same employer.
- Will you prioritize any of the mentor stipends before the SLP stipends?
 - The priorities are built in prior to accepting any new applicants into the program.. The amount for mentors is included in the formula for maximum number of participants. This eliminates any competing priorities.
- How many total stipends are available for the entire state?
 - This depends on how many SLPs or SLPAs apply. If only SLPs apply there is funding for approximately 7 per year or 14 per biennium.
- Can you repeat the total money for ODE over 2 years?
 - ODE receives \$150,000 per biennium.
- Can an SLP apply if going into second year?
 - The Program is for SLPAs and SPLs exiting a formal program and must be completed within 3 years of that exit date.
- What counts as rural?
 - Per OAR [581 018 0330](#): "The Department shall distribute funds to eligible districts based on the following rural and size designation: (a) Rural Designation

(A) “County Designation” means a county designated by the US Census Bureau as either Rural, Micropolitan or Metropolitan. (B) “Rural” means a district designated by the US Census Bureau as being located outside of an city or its urban fringe area for statistical purposes. (C) “District Designation” means the label assigned to the district depending the county it is located in where it is defined as Rural (e.g. Micropolitan county-rural).”

- Can someone qualify as an SLPA and then again as an SLP?
 - Yes. There is nothing at this time in statute that would prevent an applicant from participation in both stipend areas, as long as all other requirements are met.