South Carolina Teaching Fellows Program

Our mission is to recruit talented high school seniors into the teaching profession and help them develop leadership qualities.

Each year, the program provides fellowships for up to 200 high school seniors who have exhibited the following:

- high academic achievement;
- a history of service to their school and community; and,
- a desire to teach in South Carolina.

Teaching Fellows participate in advanced enrichment programs at Teaching Fellows Institutions, have additional professional development opportunities, and are involved with communities and businesses throughout the state.

The University of South Carolina Teaching Fellows participate in educational service opportunities that are made available through partnerships. These opportunities allow fellows to immerse themselves in a variety of educational settings over the course of their fellowship that seek to improve and refine their best practice strategies.

They receive up to $24,000 in fellowship funds* (up to $6,000 a year for four years) while they complete a degree leading to teacher licensure. The fellowship provides up to $5,700 for tuition and board and $300 for specific enrichment programs administered by the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, & Advancement (CERRA). A Fellow agrees to teach in a South Carolina public school one year for every year he or she receives the Fellowship.

Applications are available on the CERRA website, www.cerra.org, between September-December of each year.

* All Teaching Fellows awards are contingent upon funding from the S.C. General Assembly.