



3 Rivers Communications Teacher Recognition Program

3 Rivers' Teacher Recognition Program awards educators for their commitment to teaching in a rural school. 3 Rivers understands that retaining quality teachers who are passionate about teaching in rural communities is challenging and created this program to help address the issue.

The Teacher Recognition Program requires that you teach in a school district served by 3 Rivers Communications and make a commitment to teaching three consecutive years in a rural Montana school.

Application Process

Send a letter of interest that includes the following:

- Contact information: Name, address, phone, email
- Introduce yourself and your area of study
- Explain what influenced your decision to become a teacher
- Convey why you have chosen to teach in a rural community
- Any other qualifications or interests that you think we should know about you
- Positions of leadership
- Previous awards received
- Participation in group activities
- Community Service
- Explain how this award would encourage you to teach in a rural community for the coming years

You also must include a Letter of Recommendation from your Superintendent or Principal.

3 Rivers staff will review each application and will award the top applicant \$2,500, with \$1,500 and \$1,000 given to the next two finishers, respectively. Grants will not be awarded to the same individual for two consecutive years. In addition, 3 Rivers Communications' finalist will be submitted to Broadband MT for the Rural Education Teacher Scholarship, which is offering a \$1,500 award to rural teacher using the same requirements.

Email completed application to susanw@3rivers.coop or mail to:

3 Rivers Communications
ATTN: Susan
PO Box 429
Fairfield, MT 59436

Applications Must be Received by March 15, 2023