



Instructor Methodology Scholarship FAQs

Colorado POST is offering scholarships to law enforcement agencies, law enforcement training academies (LETA) or nonprofits who employ actively employed peace officers who are also LETA instructors to support eligible law enforcement training academy (LETA) instructor participation in the Instructor Methodology (IM) courses.

The purpose of this funding is to reduce financial barriers for LETA instructors and their agencies by reimbursing a portion of the costs associated with sending instructors to IM Program courses, including scholarship recipient time or backfill, travel, lodging and/or per diem.

This FAQ document is intended to provide clear guidance on eligibility, funding structure, application expectations, and academy responsibilities. Questions can be directed to Kimberly Hernandez at kimberly.hernandez@coag.gov.

What are the IM Scholarships?

The IM Scholarship is a POST-funded reimbursement opportunity awarded to qualifying organizations who will send eligible LETA instructors to any IM course: the IM Basic (16-hour), the IM Basic Instructor Trainer track (24-hour with co-facilitation), the IM Course Design (40-hour), or IM Designer Trainer track (40-hour co-facilitation). You can learn more about the courses on the [Instructor Methodology Program web page](#). It provides reimbursement per participating LETA instructor to offset costs associated with attending an IM course.

Who is eligible?

Eligible instructors must be peace officers who are current employees of local law enforcement agencies within the State of Colorado and who also teach at a LETA. Instructors who are retired law enforcement officers, civilian academy staff, military personnel, or employees of state law enforcement agencies are not eligible instructors for the purpose of the IM Scholarships.

How does the reimbursement model work?

A qualifying organization must complete an [Instructor Methodology Scholarship Grant Application](#).

Scholarships will be awarded to the qualifying organization with a total reimbursement amount up to \$700 per day per student successfully registered and have been accepted into an IM course. The qualifying organization may use the funds flexibly to cover:

- Compensation for Scholarship recipient time or backfill, not to exceed \$50/hr.
- Travel, lodging, and/or per diem

Funds may not be used to cover the cost of alcohol. After an instructor successfully completes an IM course, the qualifying organization should submit to POST a reimbursement request form.

Is there a limit per qualifying organization?

No. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

When is the funding period?

- Scholarship availability begins **February 1, 2026**
- Funds must be awarded by **June 30, 2026**

What if an IM Basic course occurs after June 30?

Additional grant funding will be sought from the POST Board in June for the FY26/27 budget. Funding after June 30, 2026, is not guaranteed.

What is required of participating qualifying organizations?

Qualifying organizations receiving scholarship funds must ensure supported instructors successfully complete the IM course. If an instructor does not successfully pass the course, POST will not reimburse the qualifying organization.

No additional service commitment is required.