

Call Me MISTER is a collaboration between Claflin University and Clemson University to recruit, train, and certify elementary teachers in the public schools of South Carolina. The mission of Call Me MISTER (acronym for Mentors Instructing Students Toward Effective Role Models) Initiative is to increase the pool of available teachers from a broader more diverse background, particularly among the State's lowest performing elementary schools . The Call Me MISTER program is contributing to the talent pool of excellent teachers by identifying and supporting young men who are literally touching the future by teaching children . The program provides: book assistance, performance -based stipends, an academic support system to help ensure success, and a cohort system for social and cultural support to designated program participants according to student progress in the program . Applications are reviewed once per academic year on a competitive basis . Interested students must have declared elementary education or early childhood education as a major, demonstrated record of high scholastic achievement, community involvement, and extracurricular activities.

