

TEACH GRANT

Under the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, Congress has approved legislation to offer additional grant funds to students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in education that qualifies the student to teach in a high need field, as defined by the US Department of Education. For additional information, please view the website for the Teach Grant at www.teachgrant.ed.gov.

Student Eligibility criteria

Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen. Students can file a FAFSA online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Must complete an Agreement to Serve (ATS) for each year the grant is received. The ATS can be signed online at: <https://teach-ats.ed.gov>. To complete the Agreement to Serve you will need your Federal PIN number from FAFSA. If you do not have a PIN or need to request a duplicate please visit the Federal PIN website at: www.pin.ed.gov.

Must complete Teach grant counseling each year the grant is received as well as exit counseling at: <https://teach-ats.ed.gov>.

Must maintain 3.25 cumulative GPA or score above the 75th percentile on national test scores.

After graduation or no longer enrolled:

Applicants will incur a **4 year** teaching obligation for each educational program for which they received TEACH Grant funds

- Applicant has **8 years** to complete the teaching obligation
- Current high need fields are as follows:
 - Bilingual education and English language acquisition
 - Foreign language
 - Mathematics
 - Reading Specialist
 - Science
 - Special Education
 - A field documented as high need or 'shortage subject area' by the Federal Government, a State government, or an LEA and approved by the Department of Education.

Important notes

The TEACH Grant is not need based aid.

The TEACH Grant is available for undergraduate or graduate students, but the TEACH Grant is not available to students pursuing a second bachelor's degree or certification following a first bachelor's degree.

Students enrolled less than full-time will have the TEACH Grant award reduced according to a schedule established by the U.S. Department of Education. The grant is pro-rated if the student is enrolled as $\frac{3}{4}$ time, half-time, or less than half-time.

Grant funds received cannot exceed cost of attendance