

Teach Grant/Loan Forgiveness Information

The new Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides up to \$4,000 per year in grants to graduate and undergraduate students who intend to teach full-time in high-need subject areas for at least four years at schools that serve students from low-income families.

- Undergraduate study: up to \$4,000 per year for first baccalaureate to a maximum of \$16,000
- Post-baccalaureate study: up to \$4,000 per year for first post-baccalaureate teacher certification program, up to remaining balance of undergraduate maximum
- Graduate study: up to \$4,000 per year for a Master's degree to a maximum of \$8,000

To receive a TEACH Grant:

- Complete the Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), although you do not have to demonstrate financial need.
- For undergraduate programs, meet one of the following academic achievement requirements:
 - Score above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test (e.g. SAT, ACT, GRE); or
 - Graduate from high school with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale) to receive a grant as a freshman; or
 - Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale) through the most recent payment period on your college coursework to receive a grant for each subsequent term.
- For graduate programs: Meet one of the following academic standards:
 - Score above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test (e.g. SAT, ACT, GRE], or
 - Have an undergraduate cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale) to receive a grant in the first term, or
 - Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale) through the most recent term in the Master's degree program for subsequent payments; or
 - Be a current teacher or be a retiree from another occupation with expertise in a high-need field, enrolled in a Master's degree program; or
 - Be a former teacher pursuing an alternative route to certification within a Master's degree program.

- Be enrolled in a program of study designated as TEACH Grant-eligible. Eligible programs are those that prepare a student to teach in a high-need area.
 - Bilingual Education and English Language Acquisition
 - Foreign Language
 - Mathematics
 - Reading Specialist
 - Science
 - Special Education
 - Other teacher shortage areas documented as high-need by the Federal government, a State government, or a local education agency, approved by the U.S. Department of Education, and listed in the Department of Education's Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing (<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>) at the time you begin your teaching service.

Teaching Obligation

To avoid repaying the TEACH Grant with interest you must be a highly-qualified, full-time teacher in a high-need subject area for at least four years at a school serving low-income students. You must complete the four years of teaching within eight years of finishing the program for which you received the grant.

You incur a four-year teaching obligation for **each** educational program for which you received TEACH Grant funds, although you may work off multiple four-year obligations simultaneously under certain circumstances.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Failure to complete the teaching obligation, respond to requests for information, or properly document your teaching service will cause the TEACH Grant to be permanently converted to a loan with interest. Once a grant is converted to a loan it can't be converted back to a grant.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the requirements associated with a TEACH Grant, see http://www.und.edu/dept/finaid/Teach_Grant.html