

TEACH Grant

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A Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant is different from other federal student grants because it requires you agree to complete a teaching service obligation as a condition for receiving the grant, and if you don't complete the service obligation, the TEACH Grant will be converted to a loan that you must repay, with interest.

TEACH Grant Eligibility

To be eligible for a TEACH Grant, you must do the following:

- Meet the basic eligibility criteria for the federal student aid programs including being a U.S. Citizen, maintaining satisfactory academic progress
- Complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA.gov) form**.
- Be enrolled at a school that participates in the TEACH Grant Program.
- Be enrolled in a TEACH-Grant-eligible program.
- Meet certain academic achievement requirements (generally, scoring above the 75th percentile on one or more portions of a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25). For specific information about the academic requirements, talk to the financial aid office.
- Receive TEACH Grant counseling that explains the terms and conditions of the TEACH Grant service obligation. You must complete counseling each year that you receive a TEACH Grant.
- Sign a *TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay*.

To receive a TEACH Grant, you must sign a *TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay* in which you agree to —

- Serve as a full-time highly-qualified teacher for four elementary or secondary school years at a school or educational service agency that serves low-income students;
- Teach in a high-need field; and
- Complete the required four years of teaching within eight years after you graduate from or otherwise cease to be enrolled at the institution of higher education where you received your TEACH Grants.

What Are High-Need Teaching Fields?

High-need fields are

- mathematics;
- science, including, but not limited to, computer science;
- foreign language;
- bilingual education;
- English language acquisition;
- reading specialist;
- special education; or
- any other field that has been identified as high-need in the annual [Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing \(Nationwide List\)](#). tsa.ed.gov/#/home/

TEACH Grant Service Obligation

In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must agree to:

- Serve as a full-time highly-qualified teacher for four elementary or secondary school years at a school or educational service agency (ESA) that serves low-income students;
- Teach in a high-need field; and
- Complete the required four years of teaching within eight years after you graduate from or otherwise cease to be enrolled at the institution of higher education where you received your TEACH Grants.
- If you do not meet the requirements of your service obligation, all TEACH Grants you received will be converted to [Direct Unsubsidized Loans](#). You must repay these loans in full, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

You must complete one four-year service obligation for all TEACH Grants you receive for undergraduate study, and one four-year service obligation for all TEACH Grants you receive for graduate study. If you have more than one service obligation, in some cases the same teaching service can satisfy some or all of each obligation. Refer to your *TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay* for more information and examples.

Teach Grant Request Form

Federal TEACH Grants will be awarded to eligible students for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. Amounts are estimated at \$3,772 but can be up to \$4,000 for full time students. Part-time students are prorated depending on the hours enrolled. Maximum lifetime eligibility is \$16,000 for first time undergraduate degrees. Amounts vary and are subject to funding approval by the U.S. Department of Education.

Current DC enrolled students:

Earn a minimum of 3.25 cumulative undergraduate grade point average or
Have scored above the 75th percentile on at least one battery of nationally normed admission test such as the ACT or SAT.
Eligibility will be reviewed at the end of each term to ensure a cumulative 3.25 grade point average and remain in a TEACH eligible program.

Incoming Freshman students:

Have a high school cumulative, unweighted grade point average of 3.25 or higher or
Have scored above the 75th percentile on at least one battery of nationally normed admission test such as the ACT or SAT.

Incoming transfer students:

Have a transferable, unweighted cumulative college grade point average of 3.25 or higher or
Have scored above the 75th percentile on at least one battery of nationally normed admission test such as the ACT or SAT.

Eligibility also includes:

- Complete the 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov.
- Maintain a 3.25 minimum cumulative grade point average each semester
- Be enrolled in a TEACH-Grant eligible program
- Sign the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay at studentaid.gov. each year that you receive an award
- Complete the TEACH Grant Counseling at studentaid.gov each year that you receive an award
- Be enrolled in a high-need field/program that leads towards teaching in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families.
- Failure to complete the service requirement and commitment for the TEACH Grant will result in the grant being converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized loan with interest calculated from the time of the grant disbursement. (Unsubsidized means interest is charged during in-school, deferment and grace periods)

Teacher Shortage Area List and Teacher Cancellation Low Income Directory can be found
<https://studentaid.gov/teach-grant-program>

Please complete this form and return to Defiance College, Financial Aid Office, 701 N. Clinton St, Defiance, OH 43512

Please Print:

Student Name: _____

Phone number: _____ email _____ Major _____

_____ I accepted the TEACH Grant for the 2023-2024 (Fall/Spring) Semesters

Next steps:

- Complete the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay at studentaid.gov.
- Complete the TEACH Grant Counseling at studentaid.gov.

_____ I decline the TEACH Grant for the 2023-2024 (Fall/Spring) Semesters

I will notify the financial aid office of changes in my major, or if I would like to accept, decline or reduce the TEACH amount awarded. Please call the financial aid office for any questions at 419-783-2376.

Student Signature _____ Date _____