

3.3.4.0 Federal TEACH Grant Policy

Policy Information

Issuing Office

Financial Aid

Affected Parties

Students

Policy Language

Federal TEACH Grant

The Federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant program was created to fill the teacher shortages in high-need fields. The TEACH Grant is the first federal grant program that requires a service agreement and has the potential of converting to a loan.

Award

The Federal TEACH Grant allows up to \$4,000 per year available for full-time students on both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Funds can only be used for the student's first bachelor's or graduate degree, and is not available for students in doctoral programs.

Amounts are prorated according to enrollment levels per term.

Additionally, Congress passed the Budget Control Act of 2011, which has caused federal budget cuts to this program, known as a "sequester." For the 2018-19 award year, students with TEACH grant funds disbursed on or after October 1, 2018 and prior to October 1, 2019 will see a reduction of 6.2% from their originally approved award amount. More details about sequestration can be found [here](https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach#sequestration). (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach#sequestration>)

Eligibility Requirements

- Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](https://studentaid.gov/) (<https://studentaid.gov/>)
 - You do not have to demonstrate financial need
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be enrolled in an eligible program
- Be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in a post-secondary educational institution that has chosen to participate in the Federal TEACH Grant Program
- Be enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching or plan to complete such coursework
- Meet certain academic achievement requirements (generally, scoring above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25)
- Sign a [Federal TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve \(ATS\)](https://studentaid.gov/) (<https://studentaid.gov/>)

Service Agreement

Procedural Information

Procedures

Apply for TEACH Grant

1. Complete the TEACH Application in [ASIST](http://www.liberty.edu/ASIST). (www.liberty.edu/ASIST)
You will only see the TEACH Grant application as an option if you are in an eligible program. If you meet all of the requirements, your award will be packaged when the application review is finished.
2. Next, you need to sign an "**Agreement to Serve**" contract with the federal government and complete the TEACH Grant federal **entrance counseling** before the funds are disbursed to your account.

Sanctions

If the service obligation is not completed, the U.S. Department of Education will convert all Federal TEACH Grant funds the student received to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Student Loan. The student will have to repay the loan and will be charged interest from the date the grant(s) disbursed.

Exceptions

None

In exchange for receiving a Federal TEACH Grant, students must agree to serve as a full-time teacher for at least 4 of the 8 years following the completion of his or her program. Students must also teach in a high-need field in a school that serves low-income students.

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More information about the Service Agreement can be found [here](https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach#agreement-to-serve). (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach#agreement-to-serve>)

High Needs Fields

- Career and Technical Education
- Elementary Education
- English
- Health and Physical Education
- Mathematics
- Middle Education
- School Counselor
- Science
- Special Education
- World Languages

2018-19 TEACH Grant Eligible Majors

Bachelor's Degree Programs

All undergraduate programs must lead to licensure in order to qualify.

- BIET-Biology-Environmental Science (TL)
- BITC-Biology (TL)
- EELD- Elementary Education
- EEMT-Elementary Education: Math
- EESC-Elementary Education: Science
- EESP-Elementary Education: Spanish
- ENBT-Environmental Biology (TL)
- ESLT-Teaching English as a Second Language (TL)
- MATC-Mathematics (TL)
- MEMT-Middle Education: Math
- MESI-Middle Education: Science
- SEPD-Special Education
- SPAT-Spanish (TL)

Master's Degree Programs

- MTED-MAT: Elementary Education
- MTEL-MAT: Elementary Education
- MTMI-MAT: Middle Grades
- MTMR-MAT: Middle Grades
- MTSC-MAT: Secondary Education
- MTSD-MAT: Secondary Education
- MTSL-MAT: Special Education
- MTST-MAT: Special Education
- MERS-M.ED: Reading Specialist (TL)

Grandfathered Programs

- MTEE-MAT: Elementary Education
- MTSE-MAT: Secondary Education
- MTSP-MAT: Special Education
- ISSE-Special Education Integrated Studies

Additional Resources

- TEACH Grant Information: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants>
- Eligible Schools: Teacher Cancellation Low Income Directory: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach#low-income-schools>

Policy Rationale

This policy is in place to ensure proper funding and management of the Federal TEACH Grant program

Definition of Glossary Terms

Federal TEACH Grant: A federal grant offered to eligible students who are completing or plan to complete coursework needed to begin a career in teaching.

Service Agreement: Service obligation contract the student reads, agrees to, and signs which outlines the terms and conditions of the grant.

High Need Field: High need fields for the purpose of awarding and qualifying for the Federal TEACH Grant. These fields are designated and approved by the U.S. Department of Education