



TEACH GRANT INFORMATION

If you have been offered the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant for this year, you may choose to accept or decline this award. If you choose to accept it, please carefully read the following TEACH Fact Sheet from the U.S. Department of Education regarding the conditions you must agree upon to prevent this grant from becoming a loan.

- Graduate students may be enrolled in the Master of Education program with any specialization except for the Masters of Sports Administration.
- Undergraduate students should be accepted into the College of Education as a junior or senior.

TEACH Grant Program

Through the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, Congress created the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program that provides grants of up to \$4,000 per year to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families. If, after reading all of the information on this fact sheet, you would like more information about the TEACH Grant, you should contact your Student Financial Planner at Concordia University Texas.

Conditions

In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must agree to serve as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students (see below for more information on high-need fields and schools serving low-income students). As a recipient of a TEACH Grant, you must teach for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study for which you received a TEACH Grant. **IMPORTANT:** If you fail to complete this service obligation, all amounts of TEACH Grants that you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan. You must then repay this loan to the U.S. Department of Education. You will be charged interest from the date the grant(s) was disbursed.

Student Eligibility Requirements

To receive a TEACH Grant you must meet the following criteria:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in a postsecondary educational institution that has chosen to participate in the TEACH Grant Program
- Be enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching or plan to complete such coursework. Such coursework may include subject area courses (e.g., math courses for a student who intends to be a math teacher)
- 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)
- Complete the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and TEACH Grant Counseling which can be found at <https://studentaid.gov>



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High-Need Field

High-need fields are the specific areas identified in the "Teacher Shortage Areas Nationwide Listing" by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education. The high-need fields are updated each year.

Schools Serving Low-Income Students - <https://studentaid.gov/>

Schools serving low-income students include any elementary or secondary school that is listed in the Department of Education's Annual Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits. To access the Directory, scroll to the bottom of the webpage and under "\$\$Obtain Aid" click on the "Teacher Cancellation Low Income (TCLI) Directory" link.

TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve - <https://studentaid.gov/>

Each year you receive a TEACH Grant, you must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve that will be available electronically on a Department of Education website. The TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve specifies the conditions under which the grant will be awarded, the teaching service requirements, and includes an acknowledgment by you that you understand that if you do not meet the teaching service requirements you must repay the grant as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, with interest accrued from the date the grant funds were disbursed.

Specifically, the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve will require the following:

- For each TEACH Grant-eligible program for which you received TEACH Grant funds, you must serve as a full-time teacher for a total of at least four academic years within eight calendar years after you completed or withdrew from the academic program for which you received the TEACH Grant.
- You must perform the teaching service as a highly-qualified teacher at a low-income school. The term highly-qualified teacher is defined in section 9101(23) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or in section 602(10) of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.
- Your teaching service must be in a high-need field.
- You must comply with any other requirements that the Department of Education determines to be necessary.

Important Reminder

If you receive a TEACH Grant but do not complete the required teaching service, as explained above, you will be required to repay the grants as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

Disclaimer

This fact sheet provides a preliminary summary of the TEACH Grant Program based on the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007. The information in this document is subject to change and is not binding on the U.S. Department of Education or Concordia University Texas.