



TEACH Grants

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides up to \$4,000 per year in grants 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. Students may receive up to \$16,000 for undergraduate study and up to \$ 8,000 for graduate study. If you fail to complete the four-year teaching obligation you will have to repay the grant with interest.

Please note that this is a multi-part requirement. Part 1 requires that you teach full time for at least four years. Part 2 requires you to teach a *high-need subject area*. Part 3 requires that the teaching take place in a school designated as a *school serving low-income students*. Consequently, elementary school teachers who teach many subjects would not be able to fulfill their service agreement. 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.

Student Eligibility Requirements

To receive a TEACH Grant you must:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Meet the eligibility requirements for federal student aid
<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/aideligibility.jsp?tab=funding>
- Be matriculated in a program of study designated as TEACH Grant-eligible. Eligible programs are those that prepare a student to teach in a high-need subject area. A list of high-need subject area is below.
- Meet one of the following academic achievement requirements
 - Score above the **1170** on SAT (math and critical reading combined), **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
 - Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (on a 4.0 scale) on your college coursework to receive a grant for each subsequent term.
- Sign a TEACH Grant **Agreement to Serve** and respond to requests by the U.S. Department of Education confirming your continuing intention to meet the teaching obligation.
- Complete TEACH Grant counseling

TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay

Each year you receive a TEACH Grant, you must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay (service agreement) that will be available electronically on a Department of Education Web site. (<https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>) The TEACH Grant service agreement 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 first disbursed.

Highly-Qualified Teacher

You must perform the teaching service as a highly-qualified teacher, which is defined in federal law. Please refer to: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg107.html> for a complete definition.

Rowan Eligible Programs

- I. Undergraduate: Subject Matter Teaching in:
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Mathematics
 - Physical Science: Chemistry
 - Physical Science: Physics
 - Spanish

- II. Reading Specialist
- III. MST Secondary Education in:
Same subjects as above
- IV. Post-Baccalaureate Special Education Endorsement Program

Schools Serving Low-Income Students

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 at <https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp>.

Documentation

You must respond promptly to any requests for information or documentation from the U.S. Department of Education, even if they seem repetitive. These requests will be sent to you while you are still in school as well as once you are out of school. You will be asked regularly to confirm that you either still intend to teach or that you are teaching as required. You must provide documentation to the U.S. Department of Education at the end of each year of teaching.

If you temporarily cease enrollment in your program of study or if you encounter situations that affect your ability to begin or continue teaching, you will need to stay in touch with the U.S. Department of Education to avoid your grants being converted to loans before you are able to complete your teaching obligation.

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.