

## Fulfilling the Agreement to Serve Requirements

Within 120 days of ceasing enrollment in the program for which TEACH Grant funds were received, students must notify the Direct Loan Servicing Center in writing that they are either employed as full-time teachers, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the TEACH Grant service obligation, or that they are not yet employed, but intend to meet the terms and conditions of the service obligation.

After ceasing enrollment, TEACH Grant Certification must be completed annually, unless a subsequent TEACH Grant is received, the TEACH Grant is discharged, or a temporary suspension for completing the service obligation is granted. The form and instructions are located online. If this is not completed, all TEACH Grant funds received will convert to Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans with interest charged from the date of each initial disbursement. For additional information, please visit <http://www.myfedloan.org/teach-grants>.



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# Federal TEACH Grant



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# What Is the TEACH Grant?

Through the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, Congress created the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant program. This program provides grants of up to \$2,000 per semester to students who intend to teach in a high-need field in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families.



## TEACH GRANT PROGRAM FACTS Conditions

In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, the student must agree to serve as a full-time teacher in an approved high-need academic field in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students. TEACH Grant recipients must teach at least four academic years within eight calendar years of ceasing enrollment or completing the program of study for which they received TEACH Grant funds.

Failure to complete this service obligation will result in the TEACH Grant funds being converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan with interest charged retroactively from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement. Students in this situation must repay this loan to the U.S. Department of Education.



## Eligibility Requirements

To apply for the grant, a student must

- be enrolled in an eligible, state-approved program
- complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
- be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in a postsecondary educational institution that participates in the TEACH Grant program
- be enrolled in coursework necessary to begin a career in teaching
- meet specific academic achievement requirements (e.g., score above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test or maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25)
- sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay, as well as complete initial, annual subsequent, and exit counseling



## Eligible State-Approved Programs at NSU

### Bachelor of Science Programs

- Exceptional Student Education
- Secondary Biology Education
- Secondary Mathematics Education
- Middle Grades General Science

### Master of Science in Education Programs with Specializations in

- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- Exceptional Student Education (with or without ESOL endorsement)
- Reading Education
- Spanish Language Education (with or without bilingual endorsement)
- Mathematics and Middle Grades Mathematics Education
- Science Education

## High-Need Academic Fields

- bilingual education and English-language acquisition
- foreign language
- mathematics
- reading specialist
- science
- special education
- other federally approved teacher-shortage areas listed in the Department of Education's Annual Teacher Shortage Areas Nationwide Listing (To view the list, visit [www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc).)

## TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve

Grant recipients must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay each year they receive a TEACH Grant. The agreement is available electronically on the Department of Education Web site. The TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve specifies the conditions under which the grant will be awarded, identifies the teaching service requirements, and requires acknowledgment by the students that they understand that, if they do not meet the teaching service requirements, they must repay the grant as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan with interest charged retroactively from the date of each TEACH grant disbursement.