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.
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.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible State-Approved Programs at NSU

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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 master’s-degree-level student in a TEACH Grant-eligible program
- 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, as well as complete initial, annual subsequent, and exit counseling

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- bilingual education and English-language acquisition
- foreign language
- mathematics
- reading specialist
- science
- special education
- other identified teacher shortage areas (not geographic areas) as of the time recipients receive the grant or as of the time they begin teaching in that field listed in the Teacher Shortage Areas Nationwide Listing published by the U.S. Department of Education. Visit https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html?exp=0 to view the list.

TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve

Grant recipients must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve each year they receive a TEACH Grant. The agreement is available electronically on the Department of Education website. 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 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.