

TEACH Grant Information Sheet

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides up to \$4,000 per year in grants for graduate and undergraduate students who intend to teach full-time in high-need subject areas for at least four years at a school(s) that serve students from low-income families.

To be considered to receive a TEACH grant for an undergraduate or graduate program of student, you must:

- Be formally admitted into a Master's of Science Education program or to the Bachelors of Science – Special Education major

The Department of Education's *Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing* is located at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>.

- Meet one of the following academic achievement requirements:
 - Have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.25 from your most recent completed semester; or
 - Scored above the 75th percentile (on the day of testing) on a college admission test (e.g. ACT, SAT, GRE).
- Be a citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Not in default on a federal student loan
- Meet the Standards for Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) located at www.studentaid.gov (although you do not have to demonstrate financial need)
- Agree to teach in a high-need subject area at a school serving low-income students for at least four of the eight years following graduation or ceasing your program of study. When you begin teaching, the school must be listed on the Department of Education's *Annual Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools* located at <https://studentaid.gov/app/tcli.action>.

If you fail to complete the 4-year teaching obligation within 8 years of completing or ceasing your program of study, your grant will convert to an unsubsidized loan which will have to be repaid with interest accrued from the date the grant funds were first disbursed.

If you are selected to receive a TEACH Grant, EACH year you will need to:

- Complete TEACH Grant Counseling (located at: <https://studentaid.gov/teach-grant-program>)
- Complete and sign the Agreement to Serve (ATS) (located at: <https://studentaid.gov/teach-grant-program>)
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 EACH semester

TEACH Grant Application

Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

Current Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____ Current Phone #: _____

Are you formally admitted into a Master's of Science Education program or to the Bachelors of Science – Special Education major? Yes: _____ No: _____

Are you a previous degree student, enrolled in coursework leading only to a teaching license or graduate certificate? Yes: _____ No: _____ If yes, stop here. You are not eligible for this grant.

Are you a current teacher, working in a high need field, while attending SMSU's Master of Education program? If yes, please indicate what you teach and the grade level.

Yes: _____ What do you teach?: _____ Grade: _____ No: _____

Check below which academic achieve requirement your meet (check only one):

____ I have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 from my most recent completed semester at SMSU or school from which I am transferring.

____ I scored above the 75th percentile (on the day of testing) on a college admission test (e.g. ACT, SAT, GRE) and have attached a copy of my test results.

Initial the following statements:

I intend to meet the Agreement to Serve requirements by teaching in a high-need subject area at a school that serves low-income students for at least four of the eight years following graduation, and I can access a listing of these schools that serve low-income students through the Department of Education's *Annual Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools* located at:

<https://studentaid.gov/app/tcli.action>. Initial: _____

The TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve that I signed/will sign says that each year I must either submit documentation showing that I have completed a year of qualifying teaching service, or must certify that I intend to satisfy my service obligation. The deadline to do this is before October 31st of each year. This does not apply to the 120-day certification requirement.

Initial: _____

Note: Listings on both websites are subject to change from year to year. To meet the Agreement to Serve requirement:

- Your school must be listed on the Department of Education's website at the time you begin teaching, and;
- Your Teacher Education Program must have been designated as high-need on the Department of Education's website when you received your TEACH Grant.

I understand that each year I receive a TEACH grant; I must complete TEACH Grant counseling and sign the Agreement to Serve (ATS) located at <https://studentaid.gov/app/launch/Teach.action>, and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.25 each semester. Initial: _____

I understand that if I fail to complete the 4-year teaching obligation within 8 years of completing or ceasing my program of student, my grant will convert to an unsubsidized loan which will have to be repaid with interest accrued from the date the grant funds were first disbursed. Initial: _____

Submit the TEACH Grant Application by email to financialaid@smsu.edu