



The new 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**.

You must plan to teach in a high-need program that is listed on the Department of Education's *Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing* located at www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc.

*** Must be degree seeking – licensure only is not eligible.**

You also need to agree to teach 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 www.tcli.ed.gov (click on SEARCH button, choose a state and to narrow your search, either enter your School's Name or the name of a county after Location).

Meet the following academic achievement requirements:

- ✓ Have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.25 after your most recent completed semester;
- ✓ Certain Graduate students who are current teachers or retirees from another occupation with expertise in a field where there is a shortage of teachers.

Other Requirements

- 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.fafsa.ed.gov (you do not have to demonstrate financial need).

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://teach-ats.ed.gov>)
- Complete and sign the Agreement to Serve (ATS) (located at <https://teach-ats.ed.gov>); and
- EACH semester, maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 .

Graduate TEACH Grant Application

NAME _____ Student ID# _____

CURRENT ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ CELL PHONE # _____

Are you formally admitted into the Graduate Teacher Education Program at SMSU?

Yes No

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

Are you a current teacher working in high need field attending SMSU's Master of Education Program?

If a current teacher---What do you teach? _____ Grade _____

Check below which academic achievement requirement you meet (check only one):

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

Certain Graduate students who are current teachers or retirees from another occupation with expertise in a field where there is a shortage of teachers.

Have you completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? Yes No

Do you intend to meet the Agreement To Serve requirement 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?

Yes No

- Department of Education's *Annual Directory of Designated Low Income Schools* located at www.tcli.ed.gov [click on the SEARCH button, choose a state and enter the name of your school(s)]?

Is your Teacher Education Program currently listed in the Department of Education's *Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing* located at www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc for the state in which you plan to teach? Yes No

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 first Teach Grant.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit the TEACH Grant Application to: SMSU School of Graduate Studies,
1501 State Street, Marshall, MN 56258 Or email to GraduateStudies@SMSU.edu