

**2021-2022 TEACH Grant Application (rev. 2/2022)**

**General Information**

The Federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant is intended for students who are studying to become highly-qualified teachers in a high-need field. Recipients must complete four years of qualified teaching service at a low-income school within the first eight years after completing or withdrawing from their degree. Failure to meet this or any other requirement of the TEACH Grant will result in the grant converting into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, with interest assessed from the first disbursement date.

**TEACH Grant-Eligible Degree**

An eligible degree is one that prepares the student to teach in a high-need field. The list of high-need fields as determined by the US Department of Education and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is available online at <https://tsa.ed.gov/#/reports>

**Award Amount**

The amount students receive depends on their enrollment status each semester. The total grant they receive cannot exceed 4 full years of grant funds for undergraduates and 2 full years for graduate students.

Enrollment Status	Annual Grant Amount	(Per Semester)
Full-Time	\$3,772	\$1,886
Three-Quarter Time	\$2,829	\$1,415 / \$1,414
Half-Time	\$1,886	\$943
Less Than Half-Time	\$943	\$472 / \$471

**Responsibilities of TEACH Grant recipients**

1. Teach full time at a [low-income school](#) in a high-need field, as listed in the [nationally published list](#) for the state in which you will teach. You must fulfill this obligation within eight calendar years of graduating or withdrawing from your program.
2. Certify with your grant servicer annually that you are either:
  - Employed as a full-time teacher in accordance with the terms of the TEACH Grant; or,
  - Not employed as a full-time teacher but intend to meet the terms of the TEACH Grant service agreement.
3. Maintain communication with your grant servicer

**Failure to meet any of the obligations above will result in your TEACH Grant being converted into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford loan, with interest assessed from the date of the first grant disbursement. Once this grant is converted to a loan it cannot be converted back to a grant.**

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**Important TEACH Grant Resources**

- [Department of Education's TEACH Grant Informational Page](#)  
Provides a detailed breakdown of the TEACH Grant program and a useful FAQ section directly from the Department of Education.
- [Teacher Cancellation Low Income Directory](#)  
Provides a directory of low-income elementary and secondary schools where you may be able to complete the teaching service required by your Agreement to Serve or Repay
- [Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing](#)  
Provides a full list of high-need fields across the nation. Allows you to search by year, state, subject matter, and discipline.
- [TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling](#)  
Entrance counseling provides an overview of the TEACH program as well as how to keep your TEACH Grant from converting to an unsubsidized loan. This counseling **must** be done every academic year in which you apply for the TEACH Grant.
- [Teaching Obligation Certification](#)  
This page contains the TEACH Grant Certification Form that you will use each year to certify that you are fulfilling, or plan to fulfill, the terms and conditions of your Agreement to Serve.

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Student's Name (Last) (First) M  
BearPass # Student's Date of Birth

The deadline to submit this 2-page application, complete with your advisor's signature, is two weeks before your final day of enrollment for the 2021-2022 academic year.

**A. Eligibility Checklist**

Before submitting this application, students must (please check):

- 1. Complete a 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [StudentAid.gov](http://StudentAid.gov)
- 2. Complete TEACH Grant entrance counseling at [StudentAid.gov](http://StudentAid.gov)
- 3. Be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements
- 4. Be pursuing an eligible degree. An eligible degree is generally a BSEd, MEd, MAT, MATL, or SETL
  - Graduate certificates are not eligible degrees unless the student is also pursuing a master's degree
- 5. Be pursuing a degree in a high-need field - A complete list of high-need fields can be found on the 2021-2022 [Teacher Shortage Area registry](#)
  - If enrolled in the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program, the student must also be enrolled in coursework necessary to complete a teacher certification in a high-need field.
  - If enrolled in an MATL or SETL, the student's program must be intended to assist the student in obtaining a leadership role in *teaching*, not administration.
- 6. If applying as an *undergraduate*, must not have a prior bachelor's Degree
- 7. Meet **one** of the following academic criteria:
  - a. A score above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile on any battery from a nationally-normed undergraduate or graduate admissions tests (ACT, SAT, etc). This percentile corresponds to all scores achieved during the same test period (placement tests are not considered)  

*or*
  - b. Have and maintain a cumulative (MSU) GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale
    - Students who graduated from MSU in the prior semester may use their undergraduate GPA, if 3.25 or higher, to qualify for their first semester.
    - Students in the *Pathways for Paraprofessionals* program may use their final undergraduate or transfer GPA, if 3.25 or higher, to qualify for their first semester.
    - All other applicants must first obtain a 3.25 MSU GPA
    - High school GPA will not be considered.

*or*
  - c. Be a current or former teacher from a 2021-2022 high-needs field (attach most recent contract)

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**B. Student Certification (This is not an ATS)**

Please initial each of the following items before signing and submitting this application:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and I understand the enclosed information regarding the TEACH Grant.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will check my university "Bear-Mail" account regularly for updates about my TEACH Grant.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I must complete a new application, TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling and an Agreement To Serve or Repay (ATS) for each year that I wish to receive the grant. I will receive an email when my ATS is ready to complete online.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that following the completion of or withdrawal from my degree I must teach for four (4) of the first eight (8) years in a high-need subject area and at a low-income school, regardless of the number of years I received the grant.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I am not able to meet the conditions outlined in the Agreement to Serve or Repay, my TEACH Grant will convert to a federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, and the interest will be backdated to the day I first received the grant.

I understand that my eligibility for the grant is not guaranteed, and by signing and submitting this form I am requesting that the MSU Office of Student Financial Aid determine my eligibility. **I have been made aware that failure to complete the service obligation or annual service certification will result in all amounts of the TEACH Grant received being converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. I will then be responsible for the principal balance and interest, which will be assessed from the day of the grant's disbursement.**

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*Student's Signature*

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*Date*

**C. Advisor Approval (Your advisor must sign before you submit this application)**

The student is currently enrolled in a grant-eligible program.

Check if this student is in a Pathways for Paraprofessionals program

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*Academic Advisor (signature)*

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*Date*

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*MSU Academic Advisor Name (print)*

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*Office Phone*