

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 \$4,000 per year to students like you 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.



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Federal TEACH Grant

Helping You to Help
Students in Need



TEACH GRANT PROGRAM FACTS

Effective Dates

Nova Southeastern University began awarding TEACH Grants to eligible students in the 2008–2009 academic year.

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

- complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
- be enrolled as an undergraduate or a 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
- be enrolled in an eligible, state-approved 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 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 Education with a concentration in biology
- Secondary Education with a concentration in mathematics

Master of Science in Education Programs with Specializations in

- teaching English to speakers of other languages
- exceptional student education
- exceptional student education with ESOL endorsement
- reading education
- Spanish language education with bilingual endorsement

Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology Program

High-Need Academic Fields

- bilingual education and English-language acquisition
- foreign language
- mathematics
- reading specialist
- science
- special education
- other federally approved teacher-shortage areas

The recognized teacher-shortage fields are listed in the Department of Education's Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing. To view the list, visit 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.

