Federal TEACH Grant

*TEACH Grant-Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant (TEACH)*

The TEACH Grant Program provides grants of up to $4,000 a year to students who are completing or plan to complete course work needed to begin a career in teaching.

As a condition for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve in which you agree to teach

- in a high-need field
- at an elementary school, secondary school, or *educational service agency* that serves students from low-income families
- for at least four complete academic years within eight years after completing (or ceasing enrollment in) the course of study for which you received the grant.

**IMPORTANT:** If you do not complete the service obligation, all TEACH Grant funds disbursed will be converted to a [Direct Unsubsidized Loan](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html). You must then repay this loan to the U.S. Department of Education, with interest charged from the date the TEACH Grant was disbursed.

A full-time TEACH Grant recipient may receive four scheduled awards of up to $4,000 each, or a total of $16,000, for the first baccalaureate and post baccalaureate programs combined.

A graduate student may receive two scheduled awards, or a total of up to $8,000 for a master’s program.

**Student Eligibility Requirements**

To receive a TEACH Grant you must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) located at [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html).
3. Be admitted to an eligible degree seeking program.
4. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.25 for each term awarded the grant.
5. Undergraduate students must be in their 3rd, 4th, or 5th year.
6. Must be enrolled in coursework necessary to begin a career in teaching in a high-need field, which includes subjects on the nationwide shortage area list. The list can be found at [http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html), which is updated each year by the U.S. Department of Education.
7. Be enrolled for **at least half-time** during the semester the award is received (Fall/Spring). The TEACH grant will be prorated based on enrollment status. Undergraduate: Full-time (12+ credits), three-quarters time (9-11 credits), and half-time (6-8 credits). Graduate: Full-time (9+ credits), half-time (5-8 credits). TEACH grant is not offered in the Summer term.
8. Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by Florida International University's [Satisfactory Academic Progress policy](http://www.FAFSA.gov).
9. **Complete the TEACH Grant Agreement To Serve (ATS)** for every academic year the grant is awarded.

10. Student must submit a **TEACH Grant Request form** to the Financial Aid Office.

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**TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve**

*Each year* you receive a TEACH Grant, you must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve that will be available electronically on a Department of Education Web site. The TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve specifies the conditions under which the grant will be awarded, the teaching service requirements, and includes an acknowledgment that you understand that if you do not meet the teaching service requirements you must repay the grant as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, with interest accrued from the date the grant funds were disbursed. Specifically, the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve will require the following:

- For each TEACH Grant-eligible program for which you received TEACH Grant funds, you must serve as a full-time teacher for a total of at least four academic years within eight calendar years after you completed or withdrew from the academic program for which you received the TEACH Grant.

- You must perform the teaching service as a highly-qualified teacher at a low-income school. The term highly-qualified teacher is defined in section 9101(23) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or in section 602(10) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

- Your teaching service must be in a high-need field.

- You must comply with any other requirements that the Department of Education determines to be necessary.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

If you receive a TEACH Grant but do not complete the required teaching service obligation, as explained above, TEACH Grant funds received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan that will be charged interest from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

**Disclaimer**

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