TEACH Grant Information

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Education Grant Program (known as the TEACH grant) provides grants to students of up to $4,000 per academic year ($8000 during an entire graduate program of study) who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families.

TEACH Grant recipients must agree to serve as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students, for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing their program of study.

Failure to complete teaching requirements, after receiving the grant, will result in the TEACH grant converting to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan with interest accruing from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

To receive a TEACH Grant, the following eligibility requirements must be met:

- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
- Score above the 75 th percentile on any one battery of a college admissions test, such as the GRE, or have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (4.0 Scale), or provide documentation of current employment as a teacher with expertise in a high-need field.
- Maintain a 3.25 GPA each quarter.

Once Northwestern University determines eligibility, a student will be instructed to complete a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve.

Eligible high-need fields may be defined by either the U.S. Department of Education or the individual state in which the applicant intends to teach.

Fields designated by the U.S. Department of Education include:

- Bilingual education and English Language Acquisition
- Foreign Language
- Mathematics
- Reading Specialist
- Science
- Special Education

To apply for the TEACH Grant, contact Adina Andrews, Director of Student Financial Services, Northwestern University 847-491-8950 aandrews@northwestern.edu

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