

Teach Grant Features:

\$4,000.00 per year with a \$16,000.00 lifetime cap for undergraduate/credential students and \$8,000.00 for master's degree

Non-need Based Award – Student must file FAFSA

Requires four **complete** years of full-time teaching service, as a highly qualified teacher, in a low-income school listed in the Department of Education's Low-Income School Directory, and in a designated high-need field

Low-Income School Directory: <http://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp>

Highly qualified teacher criteria at <http://www.ed.gov/teachers/nclbguide/improve-quality.html>

Requires recipients to begin required full-time teaching service within 8 years of receiving teacher certification

Department of Education Nationwide Listing of Teacher Shortage Areas:

<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.pdf>

Eligible students must:

Demonstrate and maintain a GPA of 3.25 through the most recent payment period, or score above the 75th percentile on any one battery of a nationally-normed standardized admissions test

Be in the process of completing coursework necessary to begin a teaching career, including a master's degree

Teach for 4 full years, within 8 years of teacher certification, in a low-income school in a subject designated as a high-need **field including mathematics, science, foreign language, bilingual education and English language acquisition, special education, and reading specialist**

Perform the above teaching requirement full-time, for a full four years, regardless of the amount of grant received.

If this grant is right for you, please visit: <https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>

- To complete Teach Grant Entrance Counseling each grant year and
- Sign an Agreement to Serve each year that obligates the student to perform required service

Attend Teach Grant Exit Counseling within 30 days of withdrawing from Teach Grant eligible enrollment

The Grant Converts to a Loan When:

The recipient, regardless of enrollment status, requests the conversion

The grant recipient does not actively confirm to ED, at least annually, her intent to satisfy the Agreement to Serve

Within 120 days of ceasing enrollment, if the recipient does not notify ED of her intent to pursue required employment

Within one year of ceasing enrollment if the recipient has not been determined eligible for a suspension, has not re-enrolled in a Teach Grant eligible program, or has not begun teaching service in accordance with the Agreement to Serve

Fails to begin or maintain qualified employment within a timeframe that would allow recipient to complete the teaching service within 8 years. If qualified full-time teaching service has not begun within 4 years of teacher certification, the Teach Grant will permanently convert to an Unsubsidized Direct Loan with retroactive interest.

Once conversion to a loan has occurred, the loan can never be reconverted to a grant. The conversion is permanent and irrevocable.