



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

The U.S. Department of Education's Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant (TEACH Grant) Program provides funds to students who are completing or who plan to complete coursework that is required to begin a career in teaching, and who agree to teach full-time for at least four years:

- As a **highly qualified teacher**;
- At a school **servicing low-income students**;
and
- In a **high-need field**.

The four years of teaching must be completed within eight years after you complete or otherwise cease to be enrolled in the program for which you received a TEACH Grant.

If you receive a TEACH Grant but do not complete the required four years of teaching service within the given time-frame, or otherwise do not meet the requirements of the TEACH Grant Program, all the TEACH Grant Funds that you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford/Ford Loan that you must repay in full, with interest, to the Department of Education. Once the TEACH Grant is converted to a loan it cannot be converted back to a grant.

For more specific information about the TEACH Grant program, you can visit teach-ats.ed.gov.

Maximum Award Amounts:

- **Annual:** Eligible full-time students may receive up to \$4,000 an academic year. Students who are less than full-time will have their yearly awards pro-rated based on their enrollment.
- **Lifetime:** Maximum of \$16,000 for an undergraduate student and \$8,000 for a graduate student.

How to Apply:

- You must first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. You must be otherwise eligible for Title IV Federal Aid and maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress to receive a TEACH Grant award.
- After completing the FAFSA, speak with OSU College of Education representatives who will determine if you are in an eligible TEACH Grant major and meet other academic criteria. They will also discuss with you the academic and career implications inherent with receipt of the TEACH Grant. The College then provides an Academic Certification of TEACH Grant Eligibility form to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid before the TEACH Grant is awarded.
- OSU Stillwater Undergraduate Students should contact Leslie Evans, 405-744-6350, 106 Willard Hall. OSU Stillwater Graduate Students should contact Dr. Christine Ormsbee, 405-744-3471, 108 Telecommunications Center. OSU Tulsa students should contact Stacy Coleman, 918-594-8527, 700 North Greenwood Ave.

Required Counseling:

- Every academic year, a TEACH Grant recipient must complete the **Initial Counseling** and sign the **Agreement To Serve**. After a TEACH Grant award has been offered and accepted, our office will notify the student when these two counseling sessions need to be completed online. The website to complete these requirements is teach-ats.ed.gov.

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Approved TEACH Grant Eligible Programs:

- The following is a list of OSU majors/degrees that are currently approved to be eligible to receive a TEACH Grant award. These TEACH Eligible Programs are subject to change.
- For questions on whether or not you are enrolled in a TEACH Grant eligible program, please contact the OSU College of Education representatives in Stillwater or Tulsa listed above.

Undergraduate:

- Biological Science: Option, Teacher Certification
- Chemistry: Option, Teacher Certification
- Geology: Option, Teacher Certification
- Mathematics: Option, Teacher Certification
- Physics: Option, Teacher Certification
- P-12 Foreign Language
- Elementary Education
- Secondary Education, English
- Secondary Education, Social Studies
- Physical Education

Graduate:

- Masters in Teaching, Learning, and Leadership: (Options: Reading/Literacy, Special Education, Math/Science)
- Professional Program in Special Education (5 year program)

We are pleased to have the opportunity to provide this additional grant to help you fund your education at OSU. We understand the importance of financial assistance to our students and their families, and we look forward to assisting you as you continue your education. If you have any questions about this grant or your financial aid in general, please contact our office.

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