

Federal TEACH Grant Program

The Federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides up to \$4,000 per year in grants for graduate and undergraduate students who **intend to teach full-time as highly qualified teachers in high-need subject areas for at least four years at schools that serve students from low-income families.**

The purpose of the **TEACH Grant** is to meet the critical need of children attending low-income schools to have *highly qualified teachers* in high-need fields. Studies show that quality teachers are the single most important factor in student achievement.*

Service Obligation of TEACH Grant recipients:

- Become a full-time highly qualified teacher in a high-need field (high-need field as defined by the US Department of Education, including mathematics, science, foreign language, bilingual education, special education, reading specialist, and other fields approved by the US Department of Education)
- Teach in a low-income school for 4 years within 8 years of program completion

Failure to complete the service obligation will cause the grant to convert to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan with interest charged back to the date of grant disbursement.

The **semester award** for an eligible **undergraduate** (excludes students seeking a second undergraduate degree) or **graduate** student is:

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| • Enrollment of 12 or more hours | \$2000 |
| • Enrollment of 9–11 hours | \$1500 |
| • Enrollment of 6–8 hours | \$1000 |
| • Enrollment of 5 or less hours | \$500 |

Not to exceed \$4000 per academic year.

Aggregate limits for the program:

- **Undergraduate** students are eligible for a maximum of \$16,000 in **TEACH Grant** funding over the course of four years.
- **Graduate** students are eligible for up to \$8000 in **TEACH Grant** funding over the course of two years.

Criteria for TEACH Eligibility:

- **The Financial Aid Office will notify students annually of eligibility for the Federal TEACH Grant. To be considered a student must meet the following criteria:**
 1. **File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
 2. **Complete verification** of FAFSA data with the submission of 2008 tax and W2 forms to the financial aid office – if requested
 3. Meet general Title IV student eligibility criteria
 4. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25
 5. Have successfully achieved **professional standing** (undergraduate students) or be enrolled as a graduate student at The University of Toledo College of Education

Action Steps for the TEACH Grant Award:

1. **Accept or decline the TEACH Grant award in your financial aid package through the student portal**
2. **eComplete annual counseling**
3. **eSign annual TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve (ATS -see Service Obligation above)**

*Darling Hammond, 2000; Ferguson, 1991; Rivkin, Hanushek & Kain, 2000