



TEACH GRANT QUESTIONNAIRE AND ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

The *Teacher Education for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant* is a federally-funded grant of up to \$4,000 annually given to students who plan to complete coursework designed for a career in teaching. Eligible recipients must agree to serve in a high need field at a school that serves low-income families for at least four (4) years within eight (8) years of completing their program. Herein lies more eligibility criteria and the *TEACH Grant Questionnaire*.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Students must complete the FAFSA [fafsa.ed.gov].
- First year undergraduate students must have a 3.25 GPA from high school. Transfer and graduate students must have a 3.25 GPA from prior college work or score within the 75th percentile on at least one admissions test.
- GPA requirements do not apply to graduate students currently teaching or retirees who have expertise in a subject where there is a teacher shortage (math, science, special ed., English as a second language, or another high need subject).
- Students must be completing (or plan to complete) the coursework required to become a teacher.
- **TEACH Grant Counseling** [<https://studentloans.gov>] is required for **each year** that student have a scheduled TEACH award.
- An **Agreement to Serve (ATS)** [<https://studentloans.gov>] is required for **each year** that students have a scheduled TEACH award.
- To receive a TEACH Grant, students must also agree to:
 - Serve as a full-time teacher for at least four (4) years within eight (8) years of completing their course of study.
 - Comply with the Highly Qualified Teacher requirements defined in Sec. 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act [<https://ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg107.html#sec9101>].
 - Teach math, science, a foreign language, bilingual education, special ed.; be a reading specialist, or teach a subject designated as “high need” by the federal or state government, or local education agency approved by the Department of Education.
 - Provide each year a certification by the school’s chief administrator as evidence of required employment.

Promptly respond to any requests from the U.S. Department of Education, even if they seem redundant. Documentation and information requests will be sent while you are still enrolled and after you complete your program. You will be asked regularly to confirm that you either still intend to teach or that you are teaching as required. Finally, you must provide documentation to the U.S. Department of Education at the end of each year of teaching.

If you temporarily cease enrollment in you program of study, or if you encounter situations that affect your ability to begin or continue teaching, you will need to stay in touch with the U.S. Department of Education to avoid your grant(s) converting to loans.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Failure to complete the teaching obligation, respond to requests for information, or properly document your teaching service will cause the TEACH Grant to be permanently converted to a loan with interest accruing from the time of disbursement. Once a grant is converted to a loan, it can’t be converted back to a grant.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on how to obtain a TEACH Grant while at Regent University, contact Regent University’s Student Financial Aid office. For more information about the requirements associated with the TEACH Grant, see <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach>.

THE TEACH GRANT QUESTIONNAIRE MUST BE RETURNED TO REGENT UNIVERSITY’S STUDENT FINANCIAL AID OFFICE FOR PROCESSING.





TEACH GRANT QUESTIONNAIRE

The TEACH Grant provides up to \$4,000 per year in grant aid to undergraduate and graduate students. In turn, you must agree to serve as a full-time teacher in a high need field, serving low-income students for at least four (4) years within eight (8) years of completing the program of study for which you received the grant. If you do not complete your services as a teacher, the grant will convert to a loan. To see if you qualify, please review and complete the following questionnaire.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ Student ID Number: _____

Will you be working in one of the following high-need fields?

YES NO

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| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Bilingual Education or English Language Acquisition |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Foreign Language |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Mathematics |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Reading Specialist |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Science |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Special Education |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Other teacher shortage area listed in the Department of Education's Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing (https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html) |

Will you be working in a school serving low-income students?

Schools serving low-income students include elementary or secondary schools listed in the Department of Education's annual Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits at <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/tcli.action>.

☐ YES

☐ NO

Do you Plan to teach full-time serving low-income students for at least 4 out of 8 years once you complete your program at Regent?

☐ YES

☐ NO

STUDENT CONSENT

If you answered YES to all three questions, you may qualify for a TEACH Grant. Eligible undergraduate students may not receive more than \$16,000 and graduate students may receive not more than \$8,000 in total. The amount of TEACH Grant awarded when combined with other student aid may not exceed a student's Cost of Attendance. Students who fail to meet TEACH Grant requirements are mandated to repay it as an unsubsidized loan. ***By signing this document, I agree that I understand the requirements of the Teach Grant.***

Student Signature

Date

