

TEACH Grant Application 2020-2021

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STUDENT INFORMATION (please print)

Name: _____ Banner ID#: _____

Local Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Local Phone: _____

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program was created to provide up to \$4,000 a year to undergraduate and graduate students who agree to serve for at least four years as full time “highly qualified” teachers in high-need fields in a public or nonprofit private elementary or secondary schools that serve students from low-income families.

The TEACH Grant provides up to a maximum yearly amount of \$4,000 in grants (\$16,000 total for an entire undergraduate program; \$8,000 total for graduate students) for full-time enrolled students. Funding is available to students enrolled half-time, although amounts will be reduced. Currently, the maximum is slightly less than \$4,000 due to federal sequestration.

We recommend that only students who are committed to teaching a high-need subject in a designated low-income school upon graduation should consider the grant. If the four year teaching obligation is not met within eight years of graduation, the grant will convert to an unsubsidized loan, which will have to be repaid with interest calculated back to the date the funds were disbursed.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA CHECKLIST

Before submitting this application, review the TEACH Grant eligibility criteria. You may refer to the fact sheet being provided or to the web site at studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach. **Check each box.**

- I have filed the 2020-2021 FAFSA. (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- I am a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen.
- I scored at the 75th percentile on a college admissions test OR maintain a cumulative 3.25 GPA.
- I am an undergraduate with a pre-education major code as part of my student record OR I am a graduate student with a Masters of Arts in Education degree as part of my student record OR I am a Communication Disorders major.
- I have developed a course plan for my undergraduate and graduate work.
It is recommended that you meet with the Certification Analyst in Truman's Department of Education.
- I plan to teach in a school serving low-income students (as listed in studentaid.gov/app/tcli.action).
- I plan to teach in an identified teacher shortage, high-need field.

Identified field: _____ Is this a Federal high-need field? YES NO

The Federal high-need fields are bilingual education and English language acquisition, foreign language, mathematics, reading specialist, science (such as Biology, Geology, Chemistry or Physics), and special education.

If it's not a Federal field, indicate in which state you plan to teach: _____

If not a Federal field, it must be listed in www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html#lists report for the 2020-2021 school year under the state in which you plan to teach. Click the View Report option and enter the appropriate School Year and State search parameters.

Amount and Enrollment

The **annual** TEACH Grant award for full-time students is \$4,000 (reduced to \$3,000 for 3/4 time students, \$2,000 for 1/2 time students, and \$1,000 for less than half time students). Students may receive up to \$16,000 for undergraduate study and up to \$8,000 for graduate study. The TEACH Grant in combination with other student financial assistance may not exceed the cost of attendance at the University.

I would like to apply for a TEACH Grant in the amount of \$ _____ for 2020 - 2021.

Semester (s) requested for TEACH Grant: Fall 2020: Spring 2021:

Indicate the number of credit hours per semester: Fall 2020: _____ credit hours Spring 2021: _____ credit hours

Indicate the appropriate status: Fall 2020: Undergrad Grad Spring 2021: Undergrad Grad

General Requirements

- Complete the TEACH Grant counseling for each offer period online at studentaid.gov/app/launchTeach.action
- Sign a Teach Grant “Agreement to Serve” each year online at studentaid.gov/app/launchTeach.action
- Complete TEACH Exit Counseling when you either graduate OR withdraw from the school where you received your TEACH Grant
- Teach for at least four out of your first eight years of teaching at a school serving low-income students
- Teach full-time in a high-need subject (see areas specified in the annual listing at www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html#lists)
- Annually provide documentation to the U.S. Department of Education that you completed the teaching obligation and that it will be certified by the school’s chief administrative officer.

Statement of Understanding and Verification

I understand that before a TEACH Grant can be disbursed, the recipient must complete counseling about the terms of the Grant and sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve available at studentaid.gov/app/launchTeach.action. Further information on when these steps are to be completed will be sent to my Truman State email address if the Grant is approved. I verify that the above information is correct and understand if I make any changes it is my responsibility to notify the Financial Aid Office immediately.

Student’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Electronic signatures not accepted)

If you have any questions, please call (660) 785-4130. You may submit the application in person at MC 103, fax (660) 785-7389 or mail; Truman State University, Financial Aid Office, McClain 103, 100 E Normal Ave, Kirksville, MO 63501.

Truman TEACH Grant Fact Sheet

The TEACH Grant is a federal program, and Truman State University was approved to participate in these awards as of August 1, 2008. There is a Federal Student Aid TEACH Fact Sheet as well as a federal web site, studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach, where you can obtain good general information about the features of the program. You should review program guidelines before applying because **this grant has the potential to be converted to a loan** if education program requirements or teaching obligations are not met.

Steps to Apply:

- Be sure to notify your advisor of your decision to pursue teaching so the **education major code** can be added to your Truman student system record.
- Develop a **long-term course plan** for your undergraduate and graduate work with the Certification Analyst in Truman's Department of Education.
- Be sure your **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid www.fafsa.ed.gov) has been filed for the current school year. This will confirm you meet the general eligibility requirements for federal student aid.
- Be sure you have either scored at the **75th percentile on a college admissions test** (ACT, SAT, GRE) **or** have a cumulative GPA of at least a **3.25** (on a 4.0 scale).
- Submit **Truman's TEACH Grant Application** specifying the amount you would like to apply for along with your planned enrollment (full-time, half-time, etc.) for each term.
 - *Before you do this, it is a good idea to review the **high need, teacher shortage area fields**. These are defined by federal statute and listed in the federal TEACH Fact Sheet. Other teacher shortage areas are listed in the Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing, www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc. If a field was designated as high-need at the time you received the TEACH Grant, it may satisfy your teaching obligation even if the field is no longer classified as high-need when you begin teaching.
 - **It is also a good idea to be familiar with **school districts serving low-income students**. See the Department of Education's Annual Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits at studentaid.gov/app/tcli.action.
- Complete **TEACH Grant Counseling** online at studentaid.gov/app/launchTeach.action.
- **Complete the ATS (Agreement to Serve)** online at studentaid.gov/app/launchTeach.action. There is no paper copy; this must be done online. The ATS uses your FAFSA PIN to enter the form and serve as your signature. This is fairly comprehensive with the terms and conditions of the TEACH Grant, about 22 pages when printed, so you should allow sufficient time to read through it. A PDF is supposed to be made available to schools and students for downloading.

Disbursement:

Once TEACH Grant eligibility is determined and the amount is offered, both counseling and the agreement must be done. Funds will then be paid with the annual offer being split into two disbursements. **If you change your mind and want to cancel the offer, you may do so within 14 days of notification that it was disbursed.**

Other points of interest about the TEACH Grant:

- Students may apply for the TEACH Grant at any time during the academic year, but the application must be submitted while the student is still enrolled that year or by the deadline published by the Department of Education (whichever is earlier). Any payments for a previous semester will be based on credit hours completed. Applying in advance of the academic year, if possible, is recommended.
- TEACH is for a first bachelor's and first master's degree only. A student may not receive a TEACH Grant for a second bachelor's or a second master's degree.
- The requirement to have scored at the 75th percentile on a national college admissions test is a one-time check, whereas the use of the 3.25 GPA to meet eligibility guidelines has to be looked at each semester.
- Though a FAFSA has to be filed to determine some eligibility guidelines, students do not have to demonstrate financial need.
- The TEACH Grant when combined with the student's other financial assistance may not exceed the cost of attendance.
- If a student receives subsequent TEACH Grants, additional counseling will be required each year to review the terms and conditions of the offer. Exit counseling is also required when the student is preparing to leave the University.
- Under certain conditions the TEACH Grant may be converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan with interest accruing from the date of each grant disbursement:
 - ◊ If the recipient requests that the grant be converted to a loan
 - ◊ If the recipient fails to notify the Department of Education that he or she is employed, or intends to pursue employment, within 120 days of ceasing enrollment
 - ◊ If the recipient does not confirm intention to satisfy the agreement to the Department annually
 - ◊ If, within one year of ceasing enrollment, the recipient has not begun teaching service or applied for and been determined eligible for a suspension
 - ◊ If the recipient does not maintain employment in a timeframe allowing for completion of service
- There is a possibility that a student who received a TEACH Grant early in their academic career could fail to be admitted to the teacher education program.
- A TEACH Grant that has been converted to a loan cannot be reconverted to a grant.
- A TEACH Grant converted to a loan does receive a six-month grace period, and there is an in-school deferment for at least half-time enrollment.
- A TEACH Grant converted to a loan does not count against the grant recipient's annual or aggregate Stafford Loan limits.
- Students will receive quarterly statements from the Department of Education showing status of TEACH, dollars received, and potential loan amount, along with instructions on how to affirm commitment.
- Your TEACH Grant service obligation may be canceled (discharged) if you die or if you become totally and permanently disabled. You may also receive a discharge of some or all your four-year teaching requirement if you are called or ordered to qualifying military active duty for a period that exceeds three years.

**For more information about pursuing a TEACH Grant eligible program, contact:
Truman's School of Health Sciences and Education, VH 2300, Dr. Lance Ratcliff, Dean**

**For more information about certification and disbursement of a TEACH Grant, contact:
Truman's Financial Aid Office, MC 103, Dana Rigby, Financial Aid Counselor**