

2017-2018 TEACH Grant Application

The Federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant is awarded through the Evangel University Student Financial Services Office to students who are completing coursework that is necessary to begin a career teaching in a qualified subject area and who agree to serve for a minimum of four (4) years as a full-time, highly-qualified teacher in a school that serves low-income students.

Students awarded the TEACH Grant are required to complete four years (4) of qualified teaching service within eight (8) years of completing their course of study for which the TEACH Grant was awarded. Failure to meet this or any other requirement of the TEACH Grant will result in the grant converting to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of original grant disbursement.

To apply for the TEACH Grant:

- Complete a 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Be accepted into the Evangel Teacher Education Program, which usually occurs during the sophomore year.
- Be a degree-seeking undergraduate student pursuing their first bachelors
- Be a degree-seeking graduate student pursuing their first masters. Prerequisite undergraduate courses are not eligible for TEACH Grant funds.
- Enroll in coursework necessary to complete a teacher certification in a high-need field.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 each semester.
- Sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve.
- Complete the online Entrance Counseling and subsequent counseling with Evangel's Education Department as well as Student Financial Services.

TEACH Grant Award Amounts:**

Undergraduates: \$4,000 maximum per year (up to an aggregate amount of \$16,000)

Graduates: \$4,000 maximum per year (up to an aggregate amount of \$8,000)

\$3,708/\$3,728 per year for full-time enrollment

\$3,000 per year for three-quarter-time enrollment

\$2,000 per year for half-time enrollment

\$1,000 per year for less than half-time enrollment

*** For any 2017–18 TEACH Grant first disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2016, and before Oct. 1, 2017, the maximum award of \$4,000 is reduced by 6.9 percent (\$276), resulting in a maximum award of \$3,724.*

***For any 2017–18 TEACH Grant first disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2017, and before Oct. 1, 2018, the maximum award of \$4,000 is reduced by 6.6 percent (\$264), resulting in a maximum award of \$3,736.*

To fulfill the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve Requirements, a recipient must:

- Serve as a full-time highly qualified teacher in a low-income school in a high-need field as listed in the Nationwide List for the state in which you will be teaching the majority of classes for at least four (4) years within eight (8) calendar years of leaving the program for which you received the TEACH Grant. High-Need fields are these specific fields: bilingual education and English Language Acquisition, foreign language, mathematics, reading specialist, science, and special education. For others, and to access the Nationwide list of high-need field areas, go to <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc>.
- Write to the Secretary of Education (within 120 days of completing or otherwise leaving the program of study for which the TEACH Grant was received) confirming that you are employed as a full-time teacher in accordance with the terms of the TEACH Grant, or you are not yet employed as a full-time teacher but intend to meet the terms of the TEACH Grant service agreement.
- Respond promptly to any requests for information or documentation from the U.S. Department of Education.
- Submit upon completion of each year of teaching service, documentation of the service in the form of a certification by a chief administrative officer of the school.
- Comply with all other terms, conditions, and requirements that the Secretary of Education determines to be necessary.

Failing to meet any of the terms above will result in the TEACH Grant funds you received converting into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of original TEACH Grant disbursement(s). Once this grant converts to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.

If you are interested in being considered for the TEACH Grant, complete the following application and return it to Student Financial Services for review and processing. **Incomplete applications cannot be processed.**

For more information regarding the program, visit the U.S. Department of Education's TEACH Grant website at:

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/TEACH.jsp>

Or contact Student Financial Services at 417-865-2815, ext. 7300.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Student's Name: _____ Student ID# _____
E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

The Federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant is awarded through the Evangel University Student Financial Services Office to students who are completing coursework to begin a career in teaching and who agree to serve for a minimum of four (4) years as a full-time, highly-qualified, high-need field teacher in a low-income school.

Students awarded the TEACH Grant are required to complete four (4) years of qualified teaching service within eight (8) years of completing their course of study for which the TEACH Grant was received. Failure to meet this or any other requirement of the TEACH Grant will result in the grant converting into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of original grant disbursement.

Please initial next to each completed item.

STEP 1

_____ Complete a 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at:
www.fafsa.gov

The U.S. Department of Education requires that all TEACH Grant applicants submit a FAFSA even if they do not receive any other form of federal student aid.

STEP 2

_____ Review TEACH Grant Program Conditions and Requirements online at:
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach>

STEP 3

_____ Meet with the Evangel University Education Department Chair.

STEP 4

_____ Complete this application and submit to Student Financial Services. All forms must be completed and turned in **BEFORE** the TEACH Grant can be added to your award package.

- Application Checklist
- Student Checklist
- Advising Form

STEP 5

After meeting with the Education Department Chair, complete the following:

_____ TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling available online at:
<https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>

_____ TEACH Grant Agreement To Serve available online at:
<https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>

STUDENT CHECKLIST

Are you currently completing coursework and other requirements necessary to begin a career in teaching? Yes No

Year in school: _____ **Cumulative GPA:** _____

Major/Degree: _____ **Expected Graduation Date:** _____

Please initial each of the following items before signing and submitting this form:

_____ I have read and I understand the enclosed information regarding the TEACH Grant.

_____ I understand that this grant is intended only for students who plan to become teachers in a high-need field in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students as determined by the federal government or state which is subject to change.

_____ I understand that I will have to complete entrance counseling for the TEACH Grant each year that I am eligible and receive the award.

_____ I understand that I will have to sign an Agreement To Serve for the TEACH Grant each year that I am eligible and receive the award.

_____ I understand that if I am not able to meet the conditions outlined in the Agreement To Serve the TEACH Grant will convert to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, and the interest will be backdated to the time of the grant disbursement.

_____ I understand that in order to keep the grant from becoming a loan, I must teach for at least four (4) academic years within eight (8) calendar years of completing my program of study for which I received TEACH Grant funds in a high-need field that serves low-income students regardless of the number of years I received the grant.

Conditions of the TEACH Grant

By signing this form, I am certifying that I have read this form and all enclosures thoroughly. I understand that by signing and submitting this form, I am requesting Student Financial Services to determine my eligibility for the TEACH Grant and, if it is determined that I am eligible, to add the grant to my award package. The TEACH Grant in conjunction with other forms of financial aid cannot exceed the cost of attendance. The Grant amount disbursed will be based on my enrollment status following the census date of each semester. I understand that I will be ineligible for the Grant if my cumulative GPA is not at least 3.25 each semester.

IMPORTANT: If you fail to complete the service obligation, all TEACH Grant funds that you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. You must then repay this loan to the U.S. Department of Education. You will be charged interest from the date the grant(s) was disbursed to your student account.

Student's Signature

Date

ADVISING FORM

Student's Name: _____ Student ID# _____

Is applying for the Federal TEACH Grant.

Please complete the information below as it is necessary for determining the student's eligibility.

Is the student currently completing coursework necessary to begin a teaching career in a high-need field in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students?

Yes No

Has the student been accepted into the Evangel University Teacher Education Program?

Yes No

Please check all that apply:

_____ This student and I have discussed the coursework necessary for teacher certification and/or specialization.

_____ This student plans to seek teacher certification in one of the following high-need fields (check the appropriate field of study):

English Language Acquisition (TESOL)

Spanish

Mathematics

Science

Special Education

Reading Specialist

Signature of Academic Advisor in the Education Department

Date

Print Advisor's Name

Return packet to:
Student Financial Services

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