



The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides up to \$4,000 per year in grants for some graduate students and a few undergraduate students who intend to **teach high need subject matter** as a full-time teacher for at least **four years** at a **school that serves students from low income families**.

You must plan to teach **high-need** subject matter (Math, Sciences, World Languages, ESL, Special ED) or teach in a high need area facing a teacher shortage in your state of employment. To check on whether or not your current or planned field is on your state's teacher shortage area, you may want to check the Dept. of Education's website at <https://tsa.ed.gov> to view the report.

You also need to agree to teach at a school serving low-income students for at least four of the eight years following graduation or ceasing your program of study. Your school or Educational Service Agency must be listed on the Department of Education's *Annual Directory of Designated Low Income Schools* located at <https://studentaid.gov/tcli/directory-search>

To be eligible to apply you must be degree seeking (students in licensure or certificates programs, only, are not eligible) and meet the following academic achievement requirements:

- ✓ Have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.25 after your most recent completed semester;
- ✓ Certain Graduate students who are current teachers or retirees from another occupation with expertise in a field where there is a shortage of teachers.

Other Requirements

- Be a citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Not in default on a federal student loan.
- Meet the Standards for Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) located at www.studentaid.gov (you do not have to demonstrate financial need).

If you fail to complete the 4 year teaching obligation within 8 years of completing or leaving your program of study, your grant will convert to an unsubsidized loan which will have to be repaid with interest accrued from the date the grant funds were first disbursed.

If you are selected to receive a TEACH Grant, EACH year you will need to:

- Complete TEACH Grant Counseling (www.studentaid.gov, under the "Complete Aid Process" and "Complete TEACH Grant Counseling and Agreement to Serve" tabs/links)
- Complete and sign the Agreement to Serve (ATS) (www.studentaid.gov, under the "Complete Aid Process" and "Complete TEACH Grant Counseling and Agreement to Serve" tabs/links)
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 EACH semester

Graduate TEACH Grant Application

NAME _____ Student ID# _____

CURRENT ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ CELL PHONE # _____

Are you formally admitted into a Master's of Science Education program (graduate level) or to the Special Education major for the Bachelor's of Science degree (undergraduate level) at SMSU?

_____ Yes _____ No

Are you a previous degree student, enrolled in coursework leading only to a teaching license or graduate certificate? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, stop here. You are not eligible for this grant

Are you a current teacher, working in high need field, while attending SMSU's Master of Education Program? If a current teacher----What do you teach? _____ Grade _____

Check below which academic achievement requirement you meet (check only one):

_____ I have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.25 from my most recent completed semester at SMSU or the school from which I am transferring.

_____ Certain Graduate students who are current teachers or retirees from another occupation with expertise in a field where there is a shortage of teachers.

Have you completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you intend to meet the Agreement To Serve requirement by teaching in a high-need subject area at a school that serves low-income students for at least four of the eight years following graduation?

_____ Yes _____ No

- Department of Education's Annual Directory of Designated Low Income Schools located at <https://studentaid.gov/tcli/directory-search>

Is your Teacher Education Program currently listed in the Department of Education's Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing located at <https://tsa.ed.gov> for the state in which you plan to teach? _____ Yes _____ No

NOTE: Listings on both websites are subject to change from year to year. To meet the Agreement To Serve requirement: Your school must be listed on the Department of Education's website at the time you begin teaching, and; Your Teacher Education Program must have been designated as high-need on the Department of Education's website when you received your first Teach Grant.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Submit the TEACH Grant Application by email to GraduateStudies@SMSU.edu or FinancialAid@SMSU.edu