2016-17 Federal TEACH Grant Application Process

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant is awarded by Wayne State University to students who are completing, or intend to complete, coursework to begin a career in teaching and who agree to serve for a minimum of four years as a full-time, highly-qualified, high-need field teacher in a low-income school.

If you do not complete the teaching service or otherwise fail to meet any other requirement of the TEACH Grant, the Grant will convert into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of the original disbursement. Once the TEACH Grant is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.

To Apply

1. Complete a 2016-17 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov
2. Enroll in coursework needed to complete a teacher certification in a high-need field.  
   Note: You are not required to be admitted to the College of Education to qualify for the TEACH Grant.
3. Complete TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling
4. Complete an Agreement-to-Serve and Promise to Pay from the Department of Education  
   Note: You will NOT be able to sign the Agreement-to-Serve until you see your award in Academica.

Restrictions

- To be eligible for an award you must meet certain academic achievement requirements
  - Generally, scoring above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test, or
  - Maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25
- Post-bachelor students enrolled at WSU do not qualify for this program.
- If you receive the TEACH Grant after you have been awarded aid equal to your cost of attendance, your Federal Subsidized Loan, Federal Unsubsidized Loan, and/or PLUS Loan will be reduced by the amount of the TEACH Grant.

Terms and Conditions of a TEACH Grant

1. For each TEACH Grant-eligible program for which you received TEACH Grant funds, you must serve as a full-time teacher for a total of at least four academic years within eight calendar years after you completed or withdrew from the academic program for which you received the TEACH Grant.
2. You must perform the teaching service as a highly-qualified teacher at a low-income school. The term highly-qualified teacher is defined in section 9101(23) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or in section 602(10) of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.
3. Your teaching service must be in a high-need field.
4. You must comply with any other requirements that the Department of Education determines to be necessary.
5. If you do not complete the required teaching service obligation, TEACH Grant funds you received will be converted to a Federal Unsubsidized Loan that you must repay with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

Award Amount

- First baccalaureate degree program: You may be eligible for up to $4,000/year to a maximum of $16,000.
- Master’s program: You may be eligible for up to $4,000/year to a maximum of $8,000.
- Teach Grant amounts are subject to sequestration limits.
- The disbursement of the TEACH Grant is contingent on your enrollment.

Detailed information about TEACH Grant requirements is available online at www.teachgrant.ed.gov.
2016-17 Federal TEACH Grant Application Form

Student’s First Name __________________________ 9-digit WSU Student ID # __________________________

Student’s Last Name __________________________ Phone Number __________________________

Are you currently completing or planning to complete coursework and other requirements necessary to begin/continue a career in teaching? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Major/Degree __________________________ Expected Graduation Date ___________ ___________

Please read the following statements, and check the box beside each statement to indicate you have read and understand it:

☐ I may be eligible to receive the TEACH Grant based on one or both of the following (please check):

☐ My current cumulative GPA is at least 3.25

☐ ATTACH a copy of your most recent academic transcript i.e., high school, transfer institution, or WSU.

☐ I have tested above the 75th percentile on a nationally-recognized admissions test (ACT, SAT, or GRE).

☐ ATTACH a copy of the test certification verifying your score was above the 75th percentile.

☐ Each year that I am eligible to receive the TEACH Grant, I will complete entrance counseling at https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action.

☐ Each year that I am eligible to receive the TEACH Grant, I will sign an Agreement-to-Serve at https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action AFTER I see my award in Academica.

☐ I have read and understand the attached information regarding the TEACH Grant.

☐ 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 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 four of the eight years following the completion of my program in a high-need subject area and in a low-income school regardless of the number of years I received the grant. If I fail to meet this requirement, my grant will become a loan.

☐ I understand that if I receive the TEACH Grant after I have been awarded aid equal to my cost of attendance, my Federal Subsidized Loan, Federal Unsubsidized Loan, and/or PLUS Loan will be reduced by the amount of the TEACH Grant.

Conditions of the TEACH Grant

I understand that by signing and submitting this form, I am requesting (a) that the WSU Office of Student Financial Aid determine my eligibility for the TEACH Grant, and (b) if I am eligible, to revise my financial aid package to include the TEACH Grant.

NOTICE: If you fail to complete the service obligation, all amounts of TEACH Grants that you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan that will include interest from the date(s) the grant(s) was/were disbursed.

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Student’s Signature  Date

12/2015
2016-17 Federal TEACH Grant Application – Advisor Form

Student’s First Name

Student’s Last Name

9-digit WSU Student ID #

Phone Number

Student:
It is your responsibility to ensure this form is completed and returned to the Financial Aid Office.

Academic Advisor:
Please complete the information below, which is necessary to determine the student’s eligibility for the Federal TEACH Grant.

Is this student currently completing or planning to complete coursework and other requirements necessary to begin/continue a career in teaching?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Please check all that apply:

☐ This student has discussed plans with me to take coursework necessary for teacher certification and/or specialization.

☐ 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

☐ Bilingual Education

☐ Mathematics

☐ Foreign Language

☐ Science

☐ Reading Specialist

☐ Special Education

☐ English as a Second Language

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Academic Advisor Signature

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Date

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Print Advisor Name

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Advisor Phone

School/College

NOTE: Students may not submit the TEACH Grant application to the Office of Student Financial Aid until the Academic Advisor Section has been completed by an advisor.

Incomplete applications will not be posted, but rather returned to the student.

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