

Complete this form to be considered for the Federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant program. The TEACH Grant provides up to \$4,000 per year in grants to students who commit to:

1. teach full time;
2. in high-need subject areas;
3. for at least four out of the first eight years teaching; **and**
4. at schools that serve students from low-income families

If the commitment is not fulfilled, the grant is permanently converted to a loan to be repaid by the recipient. The loan is a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan with interest calculated from the time of the first grant disbursement. Once the grant is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.

STUDENT NAME _____ P000 _____
Print Last First MI Student ID Number

DAY PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____ AU EMAIL: _____

LOCAL MAILING ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

Student Eligibility

Your signature below certifies that you meet the following eligibility requirements for 2016-2017:

- I have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2016-2017,
- I am a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen as defined by the federal aid application,
- For 2016-2017, I will be enrolled as an undergraduate at the **junior or senior level**, a post-baccalaureate student, or a graduate student,
- I am enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching or plan to complete such coursework. (Such coursework may include subject area courses, such as math courses for a student who intends to be a math teacher.)
- I am planning to teach **full-time** in a **high-need field** or other identified teacher shortage area **at a school serving low- income students**,
- I have maintained a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 at Averett University ,
- I have completed entrance counseling for the Teach Grant at <https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>, and
- I have signed a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and understand the service requirement at <https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>.

Certification

I certify that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I attest that I have read, understand, and will adhere to the Rights and Responsibilities options listed on the next page of this form. I also understand that if I receive a TEACH Grant but do not complete the required teaching service, I will be required to repay the grant as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

Student Signature

Date

Academic Advisor's Certification

To the best of my knowledge, I certify that the student is enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching or plans to complete such coursework, and that the student will be teaching in a high-need field or other identified shortage area listed at <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc>.

Academic Advisor Signature

Date

Academic Advisor Name (printed)

Date

(Keep for your records)

Amount of Award

Up to \$4,000. For details and updates, visit <http://studentaid.gov/teach>. Please see your Student Financial Services Counselors if you have questions.

TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay

Each year you receive a TEACH Grant, you must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve (ATS) and Promise to Pay (service agreement) that will be available electronically on a Department of Education Web site. The TEACH Grant service agreement specifies the conditions under which the grant will be awarded, the teaching service requirements, and includes an acknowledgment by you **that you understand that if you do not meet the teaching service requirements you must repay the grant as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan**, with interest accrued from the date the grant funds were first disbursed (<https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>).

Teaching Obligation

Grant recipients agree to teach for at least four years within eight years of finishing their teacher preparation program and to teach high-need subjects in designated schools that serve low-income students. Failure to complete the teaching obligation, respond to federal requests for information or properly document teaching service will cause the TEACH award to be permanently converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan with interest capitalized from the first date of disbursement of funds. Once an award is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a 'grant'. No exceptions or appeal process. In the event that a student withdraws or drops all coursework, Teach funds will be returned to the federal government based upon the standard Return of Title IV funds calculation. ***Please Note: If you are not already committed to teaching a high-need subject in a low-income school, please use caution when considering this possible source of funds.*** According to some estimates, only 20 percent of students who participate in the TEACH Grant Program will be able to use the funds as grants, while many students will see their funds converted to loans with accumulated interest.

High-Need Subject Areas

- Bilingual education and English language acquisition
- Reading specialist
- Foreign language
- Mathematics
- Reading
- Science
- Special education

Other identified teacher shortage areas as of the time you begin teaching in that field. These are teacher subject shortage areas (not geographic areas) that are listed in the Department of Education's Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing. To access the listing, please go to <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oep/pol/tsa.doc>.

Schools Serving Low-Income Students

Schools serving low-income students include any elementary or secondary school that is listed in the Department of Education's Annual Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits. To access the Directory, please go to <https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp>

Documentation

- Complete Averett Federal Teach Grant Application with Advisor signature and submit to Student Financial Services Office
- Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid for 2016-2017
- Complete entrance counseling for the Teach Grant at <https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>, and
- Complete and signed a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve at <https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

You must respond promptly to any requests for information or documentation from the U.S. Department of Education, even if they seem repetitive. These requests will be sent to you while you are still in school as well as once you are out of school. You will be asked regularly to confirm that you either still intend to teach or that you are teaching as required. 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 your program of study or if you encounter situations that affect your ability to begin or continue teaching, you will need to contact the U.S. Department of Education (1-800-848-0979) within 120 days to avoid your grants being converted to loans before you are able to complete your teaching obligation.

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. Once a grant is converted to a loan it can't be converted back to a grant.