



# TEACH GRANT PROGRAM

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# TEACH GRANT

## TEACH Grant Fact Sheet Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant Program

### **What is the Teach Grant?**

The TEACH Grant Program provides grants of up to \$4,000 a year to students who are completing or plan to complete course work needed to begin a career in teaching.

- For any 2019–20 TEACH Grant first disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2018, and before Oct. 1, 2019, the maximum award is \$3,752.
- For any 2019–20 TEACH Grant first disbursed on or after Oct. 1, 2019, and before Oct. 1, 2020, the maximum is \$3,764.

### **What are the Norfolk State University requirements for TEACH Grant eligibility?**

- Be a full-time student at Norfolk State University
- Complete a FAFSA application on the web
- Possess a 3.25 cumulative grade point average **or**
- Test above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile on one of the following test ACT, SAT, or GRE
- Be enrolled in an eligible TEACH Grant program
- Pass Praxis Core or equivalent
- Virginia residents must pass the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA). Check other states for licensure requirements.
- Complete TEACH Grant entrance counseling and sign an Agreement to Serve

### **What are the requirements for to be considered for a TEACH Grant?**

- Complete the 2019-20 Federal Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA)
  - Be enrolled as an undergraduate, post baccalaureate or graduate student at a school that participates in the TEACH Grant Program
  - Be enrolled in a TEACH-Grant eligible program
  - Meet certain academic achievement requirements (generally scoring above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile on one or more portions of a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.25)
  - Complete the TEACH Grant Counseling that explains the terms and conditions of the TEACH Grant service obligation. You must complete counseling each year that you receive the TEACH Grant
  - Sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve in which you agree to teach
    - in a high-need field,
    - at an elementary school, secondary school or educational service agency that serves students from low-income families, and
    - for at least four (4) complete academic years within eight years after completing (or ceasing enrollment in) the course of student for which you received the grant.
- NOTE:** If you do not meet the requirements of your service obligation, all TEACH Grants you received will be converted to Direct Unsubsidized Loans. You must repay these loans in full with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement. For more information, visit [www.StudentLoans.gov](http://www.StudentLoans.gov).

### **What is a TEACH Grant eligible program?**

A TEACH Grant eligible program is a program of study that is designed to prepare you to teach as a highly qualified teacher in a high-need field and that leads to a bachelor's or master's degree or a post baccalaureate program. A two-year program that is acceptable for full credit towards a bachelor's program is considered a program that leads to a bachelor's degree. A post baccalaureate program is **not** TEACH Grant eligible if it is offered by an institution that also offers a bachelor's degree in education.

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## **What are high-need fields?**

- Bilingual education and English language acquisition
- Foreign language
- Mathematics
- Reading specialist
- Science
- Special education
- Any field that has been identified as high-need by the federal government, state government or local education agency and that is include in the annual *Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing* (<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>)

## **What is TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve?**

Each year that you receive a TEACH Grant, you must sign an *Agreement to Serve* on the TEACH Grant page on [www.StudentLoans.gov](http://www.StudentLoans.gov). The agreement explains the terms and conditions for receiving the TEACH Grant. By signing the *Agreement to Serve*, you agree to the terms and conditions and acknowledge that if you do not fulfill the service obligations described in the agreement, the TEACH Grant funds will be converted to a loan that you must repay.

## **WHAT ARE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TEACH GRANT SERVICE OBLIGATION?**

In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must agree to the following:

- You must serve as a full-time teacher for a total of at least four academic years within eight years after you complete or otherwise cease to be enrolled in the program(s) for which you received TEACH Grant funds.
- You must perform the teaching service as a highly qualified teacher at a low-income school or educational service agency.
- Your teaching service must be in a high-need field.
- You must provide ED with documentation of your progress toward completing your service obligation.
- If you do not meet the requirements of your service obligation, all TEACH Grants you received will be converted to Direct Unsubsidized Loans. You must repay these loans in full, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

## **How can I identify schools or educational service agencies that serve low-income students?**

Elementary and secondary schools (public and private) and educational service agencies serving low-income students are listed in the annual *Teacher Cancellation Low-Income Directory*. In addition, elementary or secondary schools operated by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) or operated on Indian reservations by Indian tribal groups under contract or grant with the BIE qualify as low-income schools.

## **Can a TEACH Grant service obligation ever be suspended or canceled?**

You may request a temporary suspension of the eight-year period for completing your TEACH Grant service obligation based on the following situations:

- Your enrollment in a TEACH-Grant-eligible program or your enrollment in a program that a state requires you to complete in order to receive a certification or license to teach in that state's elementary or secondary schools. For example, if you received a TEACH Grant for an undergraduate program and you later enroll in a graduate program for which you would be eligible to receive a TEACH Grant, you could receive a suspension of the eight-year period for completing your service obligation for the undergraduate program while you are enrolled in the graduate program.
- A condition that is a qualifying reason for leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act.
- A call or order to active duty status for more than 30 days as a member of the armed forces reserves, or service as a member of the National Guard on full-time National Guard duty under a call to active service in connection with a war, military operation, or national emergency.

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Suspensions are granted in one-year increments, not to exceed a combined total of three years for the first two conditions listed above, or a total of three years for the third condition. If you receive a suspension, the eight-year period for completing your service obligation is put “on hold” during the suspension period. For example, if you receive a one-year suspension after two years of the eight-year period for completing your service obligation have elapsed, you would have six years left to complete your service obligation when the one-year suspension period ends.

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 of your four-year teaching requirement if you are called or ordered to qualifying military active duty for a period that exceeds three years.

The *TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve* that I signed says that each year I must either submit documentation showing that I have completed a year of qualifying teaching service, or must certify that I intend to satisfy my service obligation. What is the deadline for meeting this annual requirement?

The next deadline for all TEACH Grant recipients to submit documentation of completed teaching service or to certify intent to satisfy the service obligation is Oct. 31, 2019.

**Note:** This requirement for TEACH Grant recipients to annually provide documentation showing that they have completed a year of qualifying teaching service or to certify their intent to satisfy the TEACH Grant service obligation is separate from the initial 120-day certification requirement. The Oct. 31, 2019, annual deadline does not apply to the 120-day certification requirement.

For more information pertaining to the TEACH Grant program, visit:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach#what-is-teach>.

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## TEACH Grant Eligible Programs

Program	Description/Title	School	Academic Level	Degree
BA.ENG.SED	English: Secondary Education	LBAR	UG	BA
BS.EXE.PE	Physical and Health Education with Licensure	EDU	UG	BS
BA.HIS.SS	History: Social Science	LBAR	UG	BA
BS.INT.EEM.PK6	INT/Elementary Education Endorsement/Math-CS/PK-6	LBAR	UG	BS
BS.INT.EEE.PK6	INT/Elementary Education Endorsement/PK6/English	LBAR	UG	BS
BS.INT.EEH.PK6	INT/Elementary Education Endorsement/PK-6/History	LBAR	UG	BS
BS.INT.SPE.GEN	INT/Special Education/General Curriculum K-12	LBAR	UG	BS
BS.MTH.TC	Mathematics with Teacher Licensure	LBAR	UG	BS
BA.PSY.SPE.GEN	Psychology/Special Education General	LBAR	UG	BA
BA.PSY.EE.PK3	Psychology/Early Childhood/Primary Education/PreK-3	LBAR	UG	BA
BA.PSY.EE.PK6	Psychology/Early Childhood Education/PreK-6	LBAR	UG	BA
BA.PSY.SPE.LDMR	Psychology/Special Education/LDMR	LBAR	UG	BA
MA.SPE.GEN.K12	Special Education/General Curriculum K-12 with Licensure	EDUC	GR	MA
MAT (8 Disciplines)	Masters of Arts in Teach/Secondary Education	EDU	GR	MA
MAT.ECE.ONLINE	Elementary Education (Pre-K)			

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## 2019 - 20 TEACH Grant Application

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant is awarded by Norfolk 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 students awarded the TEACH Grant do not complete the four years of qualified teaching service within eight years of completing the course of study for which the TEACH Grant was received, or otherwise fail to meet any other requirement of the TEACH Grant, the Grant will convert into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of original disbursement.

To apply for the award NSU students must:

- Complete a 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Meet certain academic achievement requirements (generally, scoring above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile on a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25)
- Enroll in coursework necessary to complete a teacher' certification in a high-need field.
- Complete TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling
- Complete an Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay from the Department of Education. **(Students will not be able to sign the Agreement to Serve until the student has been awarded).**
- Serve as a full-time teacher in a low-income school, as a **\*highly-qualified teacher**, and in a high-need field as listed in the Nationwide List for the state in which you will be teaching for the majority of the classes taught for at least four years within eight calendar years of leaving the program for which you received the TEACH Grant.
- Write 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 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.
- **If you have been awarded up to your cost of attendance, receiving the TEACH Grant will result in the reduction of your Federal Subsidized, Unsubsidized, and /or PLUS loan offers.**

**If you fail to meet any of these terms of the TEACH Grant funds you receive will convert into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of original disbursement. Once this grant is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.**

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## TEACH Grant Application

Student Name:

Student ID:

First Name

Last Name

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

I have read and understand the enclosed information regarding the TEACH Grant. Based on the above information, I believe that I may be eligible to receive the TEACH Grant based on the following:

- My current cumulative GPA is at least 3.25 **(Provide a copy of your transcript)**
- I have tested above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile on a nationally-recognized admissions test (ACT/SAT/GRE). **(Submit a copy of your test results with this application)**
- I understand that this grant is intended only for students who plan to become teachers in a high-need subject field and who plan to teach in low-income schools 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 **(Provide documentation)**.
- I understand that I will have to sign an Agreement to Serve for the TEACH Grant each year that I am eligible **(Provide documentation)**.
- 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 back dated 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 completion of my program in a high-need subject area and in a low-income school regardless of the number of years I received this grant.
- I understand that if I have already been awarded up to my cost of attendance, receiving the TEACH Grant will result in the reduction of my Federal Subsidized, Unsubsidized, and/or PLUS Loan.

### 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 that the NSU Financial Aid Office determine my eligibility for the TEACH grant and, if it is determined that I am eligible, to add the grant to my award package.

**IMPORTANT: If you fail to complete this service obligation, all amounts of TEACH Grants that you received will convert 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 of the grant(s) was disbursed.**

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Student's Signature

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Date

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## TEACH Grant School of Education Certification

Student Name:

ID:

First Name

Last Name

Is this student currently completing or planning to complete coursework and other requirements necessary to begin a career in teaching?  Yes  No

Classification:	Expected Graduation Date:
Cumulative G.P.A	

What is this student's declared major at Norfolk State University? Eligible programs are listed below. Place an  in the appropriate program of study.

Program	Description/Title
<input type="checkbox"/> BA.ENG.SED	English: Secondary Education
<input type="checkbox"/> BS.EXE.PE	Physical and Health Education with Licensure
<input type="checkbox"/> BA.HIS.SS	History: Social Science
<input type="checkbox"/> BS.INT.EEM.PK6	INT/Elementary Education Endorsement/Math-CS/PK-6
<input type="checkbox"/> BS.INT.EEE.PK6	INT/Elementary Education Endorsement/PK6/English
<input type="checkbox"/> BS.INT.EEH.PK6	INT/Elementary Education Endorsement/PK-6/History
<input type="checkbox"/> BS.INT.SPE.GEN	INT/Special Education/General Curriculum K-12
<input type="checkbox"/> BS.MTH.TC	Mathematics with Teacher Licensure
<input type="checkbox"/> BA.PSY.SPE.GEN	Psychology/Special Education General
<input type="checkbox"/> BA.PSY.EE.PK3	Psychology/Early Childhood/Primary Education/PreK-3
<input type="checkbox"/> BA.PSY.EE.PK6	Psychology/Early Childhood Education/PreK-6
<input type="checkbox"/> BA.PSY.SPE.LDMR	Psychology/Special Education/LDMR
<input type="checkbox"/> MA.SPE.GEN.K12	Special Education/General Curriculum K-12 with Licensure
<input type="checkbox"/> MAT (8 Disciplines)	Masters of Arts in Teach/Secondary Education
<input type="checkbox"/> MAT.ECE.ONLINE	Elementary Education (Pre-K)

This student  **meets** or  **does not meet** the requirements for the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant.

If student does not meet eligibility criteria, please provide an explanation:

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(School of Education or Graduate Studies Designee)

Date