

2017-2018 TEACH Grant

Fact Sheet/ Advisement & Eligibility Review form

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Teach Grant Program

As part of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, Congress created the Teach Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program that provides grants of up to \$4,000 per year to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families (note: effective March 1, 2013, the maximum amount will be pro-rated due to sequestration).

Conditions

In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must agree to serve as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students (see below for more information on high-need fields and schools serving low-income students). As a recipient of a TEACH Grant, you must teach for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study for which you received a TEACH Grant. **IMPORTANT:** If you fail to complete this service obligation, all amounts of TEACH Grants 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.

Student Eligibility Requirements

To receive a TEACH Grant you must meet the following criteria:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), although you do not have to demonstrate financial need. However, you cannot exceed your cost of attendance with other sources of aid received.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Be enrolled as an undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate student in a postsecondary educational institution that has chosen to participate in the TEACH Grant Program.
- Be 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 (e.g., math courses for a student who intends to be a math Teacher).
- Meet certain academic achievement requirements (**cumulative GPA of at least 3.25**).
- Complete the TEACH entrance counseling and
- Sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve (www.teach-ats.ed.gov).

High-Need Field

High-need fields are the specific areas identified below (check which area you will be teaching in):

- _____ Bilingual Education and English Language Acquisitions
_____ Foreign Language
_____ Mathematics
_____ Reading Specialists
_____ Science
_____ Special Education

TSA FOR NM 2017-18:

TBA: 2017-18 TSA not available as of 3-16-17.

TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve

Each year you receive a TEACH Grant (once the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships has certified your eligibility and has posted your award), you must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve that will be available electronically on the Department of Education website at www.teach-ats.ed.gov . The TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve 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 disbursed. Specifically, the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve will require the following (initial each):

- _____ 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.
- _____ You must perform the teaching service as a highly-qualified teacher at the 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.
- _____ Your teaching service **must** be in a high-need field.
- _____ You must comply with any other requirements that the Department of Education determines to be necessary.
- _____ If you do not complete the required teaching service obligation, TEACH Grant funds you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan that you must repay, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

*If you receive a TEACH Grant but do not complete the required teaching service, as explained above, you will be required to repay the grants as a **Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan**, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.*

Disclaimer

This fact/advisement sheet provides a preliminary summary of the TEACH Grant Program based on the College Cost Reduction and Access of 2007. The information in the document is subject to change and is not binding on NMHU or the Department of Education. Your signature below acknowledges that you have been advised as to the provisions regarding the TEACH Grant.

Additional note: the TEACH grant will be pro-rated based on enrollment status – for example, full-time enrollment 100% of scheduled semester award; three-quarter time at 75%; halftime at 50%.

Signature _____ Date _____
(Original Signature Required)

Official Use only:

School of Education:

Is fully admitted into program? [] Yes [] No

Will be teaching in a high need field (identify): _____

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____

Financial Aid Office:

GPA: _____ or Test score: _____ Approved [] Denied [] _____

Award: TEACH UG [] Year 2 [] 3 [] 4 [] GR [] Year 1 [] 2 []

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____