TEACH Grant Application

2015-2016

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant is awarded by UA 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. For more information regarding highly-qualified teachers, high-need subject areas and schools serving low-income students, visit http://financialaid.arizona.edu/undergraduate/new-grant-program-teach-grants.

In order to qualify, you must:

- Complete a 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA) at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/
- Be enrolled at UA as a degree-seeking student
- Have a 3.25 cumulative GPA at a post-secondary institution when applying for the grant (first year students: use your high school GPA) OR have scored above the 75th percentile on a standardized admissions test (e.g., SAT, ACT, GRE) once. Renewal is contingent upon maintaining a 3.25 cumulative GPA in your chosen program.
- Take coursework necessary to complete teacher certification in a high-need field
- Each academic year, complete the TEACH Grant Application, TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling

In order to maintain grant status after graduation, you must:

- 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 classes taught for at least four years within eight calendar years of leaving the program for which you received the TEACH Grant
- Write to the U.S. 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 yet employed as a full-time teacher but intend to meet the terms of the TEACH Grant service agreement
- Upon completion of each year of teaching service, submit documentation of that 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 deems necessary

If you fail to meet any of these terms, the TEACH Grant funds you receive will convert into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized 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.

Due to the Budget Control Act of 2011 (the sequester law), TEACH Grant awards first disbursed on or after October 1, 2014 and before October 1, 2015 are subject to required changes for the federal fiscal year 2015. The sequester changes the percentage by which TEACH Grant awards must be reduced from the original statutory award amount, regardless of when any subsequent disbursement of the award is made. Your original TEACH Grant award is contingent upon your enrollment and the sequester law.

If you are interested in the TEACH Grant, complete the following application and return it to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.
The TEACH Grant is awarded by UA 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 fail to meet any of the mentioned requirements (located on the first page of this application), the grant will convert into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of original disbursement.

If a student is eligible to receive the TEACH Grant, the student will be awarded an estimated amount based on full-time enrollment and the current year sequester. If the student is enrolled less than full-time, the amount of the annual TEACH Grant that he or she may receive must be reduced accordingly. The amount of your TEACH Grant is subject to change during the academic year.

This form will not be processed if any items are left blank or illegible. Allow up to three weeks for processing. This timeframe may vary depending on the time of the year and volume of requests our office receives.

### Section 1 – Required

**Student Eligibility**

- I am currently a(n): (Choose one)
  - Undergraduate Student
  - Graduate/Professional Student
- Please indicate your Major/Degree: __________________________________________
- I have received the TEACH Grant before: (Choose one)
  - Yes
  - No
- I meet one of the following academic requirements: (Choose one)
  - I have taken the SAT/ACT/GRE test and passed with a score exceeding the 75th percentile on at least one section. Attached is an unofficial copy of my test scores.
  - I have a 3.25 cumulative GPA at UA.
  - I have not yet completed a semester at UA; however, I have a final high school (freshmen only) or postsecondary (transfer students only) 3.25 non-weighted cumulative GPA. Attached is a copy of my unofficial transcript.

### Section 2 – Required

**Academic Advisor Certification**

The student whose name appears on this form is currently pursuing TEACH Grant funding with the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. Please complete the items below. Without this information, the student's application cannot be processed.

- Is this student currently completing or planning to complete coursework and other requirements necessary for a career in teaching? (Choose one)
  - Yes
  - No

**Academic Advisor Signature:**

**Date:**

**Print Advisor Name:**

**Advisor Phone:**

**College:**

### Section 3 – Required

**Student Certification**

I certify that the information on this TEACH Grant Application is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I have:

- Read and reviewed the TEACH Grant information at [www.teachgrant.ed.gov](http://www.teachgrant.ed.gov)
  - Initials: ____________
  - Initials: ____________
  - Initials: ____________
- Completed the Academic Advisor Certification with my department advisor
  - Initials: ____________

**Student Signature**

**Date**