

# TEACH Grant Application

2020-2021

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant is awarded by the University of Arizona 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 <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/types-of-aid/other-federal-grants>.

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 Loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of original disbursement.

In order to qualify, you must:

- Complete a 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- Be enrolled at the University of Arizona as a degree seeking student
- Have a 3.25 cumulative GPA at a post-secondary institution when initially 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. You must maintain a 3.25 cumulative GPA at the University of Arizona in order to be considered for the TEACH Grant.
- 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 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 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 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, 2020 and before October 1, 2021 are subject to required changes for the Federal fiscal year 2021. 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. **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.



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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Section 1 - Student Eligibility Required

I am currently a(n):

- Undergraduate Student  Graduate/Professional Student

Please indicate your Major/Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

I have received the TEACH Grant before:

- Yes  No

I meet one of the following academic requirements:

- I have taken the SAT/ACT/GRE test and passed with a score exceeding the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile on at least one section. **Attached is an unofficial copy of my test scores.**
- I have a 3.25 cumulative GPA at the University of Arizona.
- I have not yet completed a semester at the University of Arizona; however, I have a final high school (*first-year only*) or postsecondary (*transfer only*) 3.25 non-weighted cumulative GPA. **Attached is a copy of my unofficial transcript.**

## Section 2 - Academic Advisor Certification Required

The student whose name appears on this form is currently pursuing TEACH Grant funding with the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid (OSFA). Please complete the items below. **Without this information, the student's application cannot be processed. This application cannot be submitted to OSFA before being certified by the student's Academic Advisor.**

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

- Yes  No

Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 3 - Student Certification Required

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 <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach>. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_
- Completed the 2020-2021 Entrance Counseling at <https://studentaid.gov/app/launchTeach.action>. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_
- Completed the 2020-2021 Agreement to Serve at <https://studentaid.gov/app/launchTeach.action>. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_
- Completed the Academic Advisor Certification with my department advisor. Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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