



### TEACH GRANT SUMMARY

The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 created the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant program, which will allow eligible students to be awarded up to \*\$4,000 per year (\$16,000 maximum for a four year program) in grants. Graduate students are eligible for up to \*\$4,000 per year (\$8,000 maximum limit). Students who are working on a second undergraduate degree are not eligible for the TEACH Grant.

**\*TEACH Grant funds may be subject to reductions as a result of federal sequestration.**

**\*TEACH Grant funds will prorate based on your enrollment status (i.e. full-time, three-quarter-time, half-time).**

### STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To receive the TEACH Grant, you must:

1. Complete the FAFSA; although you do not have to demonstrate financial need
2. Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen
3. Be enrolled in coursework that will allow you to begin a career in teaching or plan to complete that coursework
4. Meet the following academic requirements:

- ➔ Score above the 75th percentile on one of the following admissions test(s): ACT, SAT or GRE, **or**

Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. *This cumulative GPA must be maintained throughout the academic program for which you are awarded a TEACH Grant.*

5. Be admitted to Wichita State's Teacher Education Program
6. Complete TEACH Grant counseling for each award period at <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/launchTeach.action>
7. Sign a TEACH Grant "Agreement to Serve" each year at <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/launchTeach.action>

### SERVICE OBLIGATION

In order to fulfill the service obligation of the TEACH Grant, you must be a highly-qualified, full-time secondary or elementary teacher in a high-need subject area, at a school serving low-income students, for at least four years within eight years of finishing your program.

A **highly qualified teacher** is one as defined by the U.S. Department of Education.

A **full-time teacher** is one who spends the majority (at least 51%) of time teaching in one of the high-need subject areas. Because of the 51% requirement, most elementary teachers will not be eligible.

A **school serving low-income students** is designated by the U.S. Department of Education. See details here: <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/tcli.action>.

### HIGH NEED SUBJECT AREAS

The following are designated as high-need subject areas:

- ➔ Mathematics
- ➔ Science (such as Biology, Geology, Chemistry or Physics)
- ➔ Foreign Language
- ➔ Bilingual Education
- ➔ Special Education
- ➔ Reading Specialist
- ➔ Other "High Need" Field as designated by the U.S. Department of Education

### FAILURE TO COMPLETE SERVICE OBLIGATION

If you fail to complete the four years of service for each eligible program in which you received the TEACH Grant within eight years of completing your program, the grant will convert to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan with interest accrued from the date of the first disbursement of the funds. Once the grant converts to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.

### DESIGNATED ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS AT WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

Wichita State University has designated the following programs to be TEACH Grant eligible programs:

#### Undergraduate:

- ➔ Early Childhood Unified
- ➔ Early Childhood Unified/Elementary Education Apprentice
- ➔ PreK thru 12 – Foreign Language (French, Latin, Spanish)
- ➔ PreK thru 12 – ESOL
- ➔ Middle Level – Math or Science
- ➔ Secondary Education – Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Space Science, Math, or Physics

#### Graduate:

- ➔ Special Education – Adaptive
- ➔ Special Education – Functional
- ➔ Special Education – High Incidence
- ➔ Special Education – Low Incidence
- ➔ Special Education – Early Childhood Unified
- ➔ Reading Specialist
- ➔ Transition to Teaching with Endorsement in Math, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Science, Earth Space Science, French, Latin or Spanish

See details about the WSU College of Applied Studies' eligible programs at [wichita.edu/appliedstudies](http://wichita.edu/appliedstudies).