

2022-2023 TEACH Grant Information Sheet

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides \$4,000 annual grants to students who plan to become teachers. As a condition for receiving a TEACH Grant, students must agree to teach full-time in a high-need field, for at least four academic years at an elementary school, secondary school, or educational service agency that serves low-income families. The grant recipient must complete the required four years of teaching within eight years of completing (or otherwise ceasing to be enrolled in) the course of study for which a TEACH Grant was received. If a grant recipient does not meet that obligation, the TEACH Grant funds received are converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan that must be repaid with interest.

A full-time TEACH Grant recipient may receive four scheduled awards of \$4,000 each, or a total of \$16,000, for the student's first baccalaureate. Baccalaureate programs after the first baccalaureate are not eligible. A graduate student may receive two scheduled awards, or a total of \$8,000, for a master's degree program. Students who are enrolled less than full time have the same maximums, though the annual awards will be smaller: for example, a student enrolled half time in a master's program could receive an annual award of \$2,000 for each of the four years it would take to complete the program.

A TEACH Grant in combination with other assistance the student receives cannot exceed the cost of attendance; if it does, the aid package must be reduced and aid such as Loans may need to be returned. The student must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay (Agreement) that describes the service obligation requirements before receiving a TEACH Grant for an award year, and must complete initial counseling prior to receiving a first TEACH Grant and subsequent counseling before receiving each subsequent TEACH Grant. If the student subsequently fails to meet the TEACH Grant service obligation requirements, the TEACH Grants will be converted to Direct Unsubsidized Loans that the student must repay in full, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

General Eligibility Requirements:

1. Full admission to a TEACH Grant-eligible degree or certificate of advanced study program at National Louis University
2. 2022-2023 FAFSA completion
3. Not be in default of a student loan
4. Annual completion of TEACH Grant Counseling and Agreement to Serve forms
5. Agree to teach in a high need subject and in a school listed on the Teacher Cancellation Low Income Directory full-time for at least four years within eight years of graduating or ceasing enrollment in the program for which the TEACH Grant was received

In order to be eligible to receive the TEACH Grant you must meet the following criteria:

Specific Undergraduate Eligibility Requirements:

New Students with 15 or fewer transfer hours

1. Test score above the 75th percentile on one or more portions of a college admission test
OR
2. Cumulative high school GPA of 3.25 or higher
 - a. Creates eligibility for freshmen year of study; after that must maintain a cumulative NLU GPA of 3.25 or higher through the most recently completed term to remain eligible

New Transfer Students with 16 or more transfer hours

1. Test score above the 75th percentile on one or more portions of a college admission test
OR
2. Cumulative transfer GPA of 3.25 or higher
 - a. Must maintain a cumulative NLU GPA of 3.25 or higher through the most recently completed term to remain eligible

Continuing NLU Students

1. Test score above the 75th percentile on one or more portions of a college admission test
OR
2. Cumulative NLU GPA of 3.25 or higher
 - a. Must maintain a cumulative NLU GPA of 3.25 or higher through the most recently completed term to remain eligible

Specific Graduate Student Eligibility Requirements:

New Students

1. Test score above the 75th percentile on at least one battery of either the Miller Analogies Test or Graduate Record Exam creates eligibility for entire program of study
OR
2. Cumulative Undergraduate/Graduate GPA of 3.25 or higher
 - a. Creates eligibility for the first term; after that must maintain a cumulative NLU GPA of 3.25 or higher through the most recently completed term to remain eligible

Continuing Students

1. Test score above the 75th percentile on at least one battery of either the Miller Analogies Test or Graduate Record Exam creates eligibility for entire program of study
OR
2. A cumulative NLU GPA of 3.25 or higher
 - a. Must maintain a cumulative NLU GPA of 3.25 or higher through the most recently completed term to remain eligible

Exceptions to the Academic Qualifications

Current certified teachers pursuing a master's degree are not required to meet the eligibility requirements noted above (Substitute Teachers need to teach full time at 1 or more low income schools in a high need field) Individuals a high need field and are pursuing a master's degree are exceptions from the academic qualifications noted above (Substitute Teachers need to teach full time at 1 or more low income schools in a high need field) Students pursuing an alternative certification like AUSL and have been a certified teacher in the past or currently holds a teaching position as a certified teacher are exceptions to the academic qualifications

noted above, Note that the residency during AUSL does not meet the requirement of a current teaching position.

Students who do not meet the academic criteria and are not exempt from the Academic Qualifications

1. If a student doesn't meet the GPA or test score requirements he/she can reapply for the grant after the first term grades are posted as long as the cumulative NLU GPA is 3.25 or higher

Award Amounts

There are both annual and aggregate limits associated with the TEACH Grant. Award amounts are prorated based on enrollment status per term.

Award Maximum per Year:

Award Amounts for grants that disburse on or after October 1, 2021 and before October 1,

2022:

Full-time enrollment (12+ hours per term undergraduate, 6+ hours per term graduate) \$3,772.00

Three quarter time enrollment (9-11 hours per term undergraduate, 4.5+ hours per term graduate)
\$2,829.00

Half-time enrollment (6-8 hours per term undergraduate, 3-4 hours per term graduate)
\$1,886.00

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****Students may receive more than one annual limit of TEACH Grant funding in an academic year and second annual awards would be subject to the award amounts based on disbursement date****

Aggregate Limits:

Undergraduate and post-baccalaureate: \$16,000

Graduate: \$8,000

TEACH Grant Recipient Requirements:

1. Must serve as a full-time teacher for at least four years within eight years of completing or ceasing enrollment in the program for which the TEACH Grant was received
2. Must teach at a low income school. School must be listed on the **Teacher Cancellation Low Income Directory**: <https://studentaid.gov/app/tcliDirectorySearch.action>

3. Must be a highly qualified teacher in a high need field as defined and listed on **U.S. Department of Education's annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing (Nationwide Listing)**.
<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oep/pol/tsa.html> ** and teach the majority of the instructional day in a high need field.

High need fields include:

- Mathematics;
- Science;
- Foreign language;
- Bilingual education;
- English language acquisition;
- Special education;
- Reading specialist; or
- Another high-need field in that is listed in the **U.S. Department of Education's annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing (Nationwide Listing)**.
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TEACH Grant Eligible Programs:

A TEACH Grant-eligible program is an eligible program that is designed to prepare an individual to **teach** as a highly qualified **teacher** in a high-need field and lead to a baccalaureate or master's degree (including 2-year programs of study that are acceptable for full credit toward a baccalaureate degree).

The following programs prepare students to teach high need subjects and are TEACH Grant eligible:

Undergraduate Programs:

- BA Elementary Education
- BA Special Education

Graduate Programs:

- MAT Early Childhood Education
- MAT Elementary Education
- MAT Secondary Education
 - Foreign Language
 - Mathematics
 - Science
- MAT Special Education
- M.Ed Curriculum and Instruction -
Bilingual/ESL
- M.Ed Curriculum and Instruction
 - Science Education
- M.Ed Mathematics Education
- M.Ed Reading
 - Reading Specialist option
- M.Ed Urban Teaching
 - high need concentration
- M.E d. Curriculum and Instruction with Advance Professional Specialization
 - Curriculum and Instruction
 - Early Childhood Special Education
 - English as a Second Language

- English as a Second Language and Bilingual Education
- Early Childhood Special Education/Reading
- Learning Behavior Specialist (LBS1)
- Mathematic Education - Reading Teacher

**** The above high-need areas are subject to change based upon update of the Department's Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide listing for 2022-2023.**

If you are not enrolled in one of the programs noted above you can still be considered for the TEACH Grant if you are admitted to an NCE degree program for teachers, agree that you understand you need to teach full-time in a high need subject and at a school listed on the Teacher Cancellation Low Income Directory in order to fulfill the service obligation, and meet other GPA eligibility requirements noted in this document. Failure to fulfill the service obligation will result in the grant being converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan with interest accrued from the date of grant disbursement.

Steps to Receive the TEACH Grant:

1. Complete 2022-2023 FAFSA
2. Complete the NLU TEACH Grant Application
3. Sign the TEACH Grant Authorization form included in the financial aid award letter
4. Complete TEACH Grant Initial and Subsequent Counseling for each year the grant is received:
www.studentaid.gov
5. Complete a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay (Agreement) for each year the grant is received:
www.studentaid.gov
 - a. The TEACH Grant Initial and Subsequent Counseling and TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay (Agreement) review the service obligation and require an acknowledgement from the student that they understand that if they do not fulfill the service obligation they must repay the grant as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, with interest accrued from the date the grant funds were disbursed

TEACH Grant Exit Counseling:

You must complete TEACH Grant Exit Counseling when you graduate or cease enrollment in the program for which the grant is received: <https://studentaid.gov/app/teachExitCounseling.action#!/teachExit/launch>.

Service Obligation:

For each TEACH Grant eligible program for which you receive TEACH Grant funds, 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 for which you received the TEACH Grant.

You must perform the teaching service as a highly qualified teacher at a low-income school or educational service agency. The term "highly qualified teacher" is defined in Section 9101(23) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and in Section 602(10) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Your teaching service must be in a high-need field.

You must provide ED with documentation of your progress toward completing your service obligation.

You must report to TEACH Grant Servicer within 120 days of ceasing enrollment to avoid conversion of TEACH Grant into Unsubsidized Loan with Interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

After you complete the academic program for which you received a TEACH Grant, but you do not actively confirm my TEACH Grant servicer at least once each year that you intend to satisfy your service obligation.

If you do not meet the requirements of your service obligation, all TEACH Grant funds you received will be converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan. You must repay this loan in full, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.