



2026-2027 Federal TEACH Grant Interest Form

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Teach Grant Overview

The U.S. Department of Education's Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides up to \$4,000* per year (\$16,000 total for 4-year undergraduate programs, and \$8,000 total for graduate programs) to students completing or who plan to complete coursework required to begin a career in teaching, and who agree to teach full-time for at least four years:

1. As a highly qualified teacher: www.ed.gov/nclb/methods/teachers/hqtflexibility.html,
2. At a school serving low-income students: <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/tcli.action>; and
3. In a high-need field: Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing (Nationwide List) <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach#high-need-fields>

If you receive a TEACH Grant but do not complete the required four (4) years of teaching service within eight (8) years after you complete (or otherwise cease to be enrolled in) the program for which you received the grant, all TEACH Grant funds you received will be converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan that you must repay with interest. To learn more, visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach>.

**Federal sequestration requirements affect the annual award amounts each year, and the amounts awarded are subject to change effective October 1st of each year. The amount awarded may be less than \$4000, even if you are enrolled at full-time. Annual awards are prorated for less than full-time attendance as required by regulations.*

Teach Grant Student Academic Requirement

I (student) meet the academic requirement(s) checked below. (Check the appropriate option):

- ☐ A new undergraduate and/or transfer student and has established a 3.25 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale from high school and/or previous college coursework, or
- ☐ A new undergraduate and/or transfer student and scored above the 75th percentile on one (1) or more portions of a college admissions test (i.e. ACT, SAT, GRE, etc.), or
- ☐ A new graduate student with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of at least a 3.25 on a 4.0 scale, or
- ☐ A continuing graduate/undergraduate student currently maintaining a 3.25 cumulative GPA
- ☐ A current teacher working to obtain a master's degree in a TEACH Grant eligible program, or who is or was a teacher pursuing certification through an alternative certification route.
 - Current School District & License number: _____
- ☐ A retired teacher returning to teaching, or retiree from another occupation with expertise in a field where there is a shortage of teachers. *Note: request for active license may be requested.*
 - Former School & District (if applicable) _____

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Student Certification Section

Please read and initial each item below prior to signing this form.

- D I have completed the 2026-2027 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov and understand I must be otherwise eligible for Federal Student Aid to be considered for a TEACH Grant.
- D I have completed the TEACH Grant Initial & Subsequent Counseling and the Agreement to Serve. Available online at <https://studentaid.gov/app/launchTeach.action>. I will sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay each year.
- D I plan to teach full-time in a high-need discipline at a school serving low-income students for at least four (4) out of my first eight (8) years in teaching.
- D I will annually provide documentation as requested to the U.S. Department of Education that I completed the teaching obligation and this will be certified by the elementary or secondary school's chief administrative officer.
- D I understand the Financial Aid & Scholarship Office will prorate my award if I am enrolled less than full-time.
- D I understand that I must re-apply each year that I want this grant.
- D I understand that all notifications regarding eligibility for and disbursement of the grant will be sent to my university email account and I will monitor the account.

If I am eligible, my TEACH grant award will be available to view on the UCDAccess Portal.

I understand the TEACH Grant program has specific service obligations that must be met in order for the award to remain as a grant. If I fail to meet all of the conditions of the award or, if the conditions are not documented as required, I understand the award will permanently convert to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan and I will be responsible to repay the loan with interest calculated from the disbursement date of the grant. I understand that once a TEACH Grant is converted into a loan, it cannot be reverted to the grant.

Student Signature (required)

Date

Instructions for Form Submission: Once the form has been completed and signed by the student, the completed form should be submitted to <https://www.ucdenver.edu/fadocs>, mailed to the CU Denver address on the bottom of this form, or delivered in person. (Keep a copy for your reference.)

Financial Aid & Scholarship Office Review:

Yes

No

- Student is pursuing either a first Bachelor's or first Master's degree?
- Student has been admitted in one of the CU Denver programs applicable to the TEACH Grant program?
- The academic requirement selected above by the student has been confirmed.

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