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## **TEACHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FOR COLLEGE AND HIGHER EDUCATION (TEACH) GRANT**

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The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 created the 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).

### **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

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 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:
  - a. Score above the **75% percentile** on one of the following admissions test(s): ACT, SAT or GRE, **or**
  - b. Graduate from high school with a cumulative **GPA of at least 3.25** on a 4.0 scale. This GPA must be maintained throughout the academic program for which you are awarded a TEACH Grant.
5. Complete TEACH Grant counseling for each award period.
6. Sign a TEACH Grant "Agreement to Serve" each year with the U.S. Department of Education.

### **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 for at least four years within eight years of finishing your program at a school serving low income students. 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 at [www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc).

### **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 THE SERVICE OBLIGATION:**

If a student fails to complete the four years of service for each eligible program for 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.

**UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS DESIGNATED ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS:**

The University of Kansas has designated the following programs to be TEACH Grant eligible programs:

- UKanTeach (Math and Science)
- 5-Year Teacher Education Program (Math, Science, Foreign Language for middle and secondary licensure)
- Graduate Licensure Program (Math, Science, Special Education, Foreign Language)
- Curriculum & Instruction Masters Program (Reading Specialist and Bilingual Education)

For more information on these programs, visit the UKanTeach website at [www.ukanteach.ku.edu](http://www.ukanteach.ku.edu) or the School of Education website at [www.soe.ku.edu](http://www.soe.ku.edu).