



Mount St. Joseph University TEACH Grant Fact Sheet

Student Administrative Services
Office of Financial Aid

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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 (Maximum \$16,000 during a 4-Year Program). Graduate students are eligible for \$4,000 per year (Maximum \$8,000). Students working on a second undergraduate degree are ineligible for the TEACH Grant.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A student must:

- Complete the current year FAFSA: Financial need is not considered in eligibility
- Be either a U.S Citizen or Eligible Non-Citizen
- Be enrolled in coursework designed to allow the student to begin a career in teaching or plan to complete said coursework
- Possess a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better on a 4.0 scale
 - Note: GPA must be maintained throughout the academic program for which a student is receiving a TEACH Grant
- Complete TEACH Grant Counseling AND Agreement to Serve for each award period (Year) at <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/launchTeach.action>

AGREEMENT TO SERVE OBLIGATION

In order to fulfill one's service of the TEACH Grant, a student must be a highly qualified, full-time secondary or elementary teacher in a high-need subject area (see below). This obligation must be fulfilled at a school serving low-income students for at least four (4) years within eight (8) years of finishing his/her/their program.

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

A **full-time teacher** is one who spends the majority (at least 51%) of the time teaching in one of the high-need subject areas. Most elementary school teachers do not fulfill the 51% requirement.

A **school serving low-income** students is designated by the U.S Department of Education. School database can be found at <https://studentaid.gov/tcli/directory-search>

FAILURE TO COMPLETE SERVICE OBLIGATION

If a student fails to complete the four-year requirement, the Grant will convert to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan with interest backdated to the first disbursement of funds. Once converted to a loan, it cannot regain grant status.

HIGH NEED SUBJECT AREAS

The following are designated as high-need subjects:

- Mathematics
- Science (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics)
- Foreign Language (Bilingual Education included)
- Special Education
- Reading Specialist