

Whitworth University 2023-2024 TEACH Grant Fact Sheet

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.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To receive the TEACH Grant, you must:

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

→ 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.

→ Be admitted into the Whitworth University School of Education

- Complete the TEACH Grant Initial and Subsequent Counseling for each award period at <https://studentaid.gov/app/launchTeach.action>
- Complete TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay (Agreement) each year at <https://studentaid.gov/app/launchTeach.action>

HIGH NEED SUBJECT AREAS

The following are designated as high-need subject areas:

- Mathematics
- Science (Such as Biology, Chemistry or Physics)
- Foreign Language
- Bilingual Education
- Special Education
- Reading Specialist
- Other “High Need” field as designated by the U.S. Department of Education

SERVICE OBLIGATION

In order to fulfill the service 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 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 at <https://studentaid.gov/app/tcli.action>.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE SERVICE OBLIGATION

If you fail to complete the four years of service for each eligible program in which you receive 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 again.

APPLICATION LINK

<https://webforms.whitworth.edu/Administration/FinancialAid/Forms/TEACH/index.aspx>