Apply for a TEACH Grant!

Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education

The TEACH Grant is a federally-funded program created to help pay college costs for students completing a teacher preparation program. These grants are available to eligible undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate students who agree to serve as full-time teachers in specific high-need fields at a Title I school.

Eligibility

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be enrolled as an undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate student in a teacher preparation program
- 3.25 cumulative undergraduate GPA (must maintain GPA each term) <u>OR</u>
- Above 75th percentile on a standardized test
 - SAT: 590 CR; 610 M
 - ACT: 25 E; 25 M
 - GRE: 157 V; 158 M; 570 V; 750 Q
- Complete Agreement to Serve (ATS)

ATS/Service Criteria

The ATS explains the terms and conditions of the service obligation:

- Serve as a full-time teacher for a total of at least four academic years within eight years of certification completion
- Teach at a Title I school
- Teach in a specific high-need field (mathematics, reading specialist, science, special education, world language)
- Provide certification of service completion at end of each year

Application Process

- Meet program and score criteria
- Email Dominique Battle-Lawson at <u>dominique.battle-lawson@uconn.edu</u> with PeopleSoft ID to confirm eligibility
- File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) every year attending school
- Complete TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling AND Agreement to <u>https://</u> studentaid.gov/app/launchTeach.action

After Receipt of Grant

- Receive Disclosure Statement, Notice of Disbursement, and Quarterly Statements
- Complete Exit Counseling at end of program
- Upon graduation, student must annually certify commitment to participate
- Department of Education will collect proof of employment

Award Amount

- Maximum award of up to \$4,000 per year, Financial Aid Office will determine exact amount each year
- TEACH Grant plus other aid may not exceed the annual Cost of Attendance

IMPORTANT: If students do not satisfy the conditions of the Agreement to Service, the TEACH Grant will convert to an unsubsidized Direct Stafford Loan with interest accrual from the date of disbursement.



Additional Resources:

<u>Federal Student Aid Information</u> <u>High-Need Fields</u> <u>Title I Schools</u> <u>UConn Student Financial Aid Services</u>