



TEACH Grant Program

What is the TEACH Grant?

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides grants of up to \$4,000 per year (dependent on enrollment status) to students who agree to teach for four years at an elementary school, secondary school, or educational service agency that serves students from low-income families. The percentage reduction from the statutory award amount for awards first disbursed on 10/01/2025 and before 10/01/2026 is 5.70%. For example, if the award is \$4,000, the dollar amount deducted is \$228, leaving the recipient with a maximum award of \$3,772.

What are the eligibility requirements?

To receive a TEACH Grant you must:

- ✓ Be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- ✓ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- ✓ Be enrolled at least half-time (6 credits) in a Master's Degree Program leading toward teacher licensure.
- ✓ Be enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teacher or plan to complete such coursework. Such coursework may include subject area courses (e.g., mathematics courses for a student who intends to be a mathematics teacher)
- ✓ Maintain at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA.
- ✓ Receive counseling that explains the terms and conditions of the TEACH Grant service obligation and sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve (ATS) (<https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/launchTEACH.action>).

What is the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve?

Each year you receive a TEACH Grant you must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve (ATS). The Agreement is a legally binding document that defines the teaching obligations you must meet and specifies your repayment obligation if a TEACH Grant that you receive is converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan. When you sign the service agreement, you are agreeing to repay the grant as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, with interest accrued from the date that the grant funds were disbursed, if you do not complete the teaching obligation. Once the grant has been converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.



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What are the terms and conditions of the TEACH Grant?

In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must agree to the following:

- ✓ Serve as a **full-time teacher** for a total of **four academic years within eight years after you complete the program** for which you received the TEACH grant.
- ✓ Perform the teaching service as a **highly qualified teacher** at a **low-income school** or educational service agency. The term highly qualified teacher is defined as a teacher who has obtained a full State certification as a teacher or passed the State Teacher licensing examination, and holds a license to teach in the state.
- ✓ Your teaching service must be in a **high-need fields**, which includes:
 - Bilingual Education
 - English Language Acquisition
 - Foreign language
 - Mathematics
 - Reading Specialist,
 - Science
 - Special education
 - Any other field that has been identified as high-need by the federal government, state government, or local education agency. Please visit the following website for additional information: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oep/pol/tsa.html>

**You must provide the Department of Education with documentation of your progress toward completing your service obligation*

What if I do not fulfill the TEACH Grant requirements?

If you fail to complete this service obligation, all amounts of the TEACH Grants that you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan. You must then repay this loanback to the U.S. Department of Education. You will be charged interest from the date of disbursement for the grant(s). TEACH Grant recipients will be given a 6-month grace period prior to entering repayment if a TEACH Grant is converted to Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan.

How Do I Apply?

- ✓ Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2025/2026. BU's school code is 002130.
- ✓ Complete the TEACH Grant Initial and Subsequent Counseling (<https://studentaid.gov/teach-grant-program>).
TEACH Grant Initial and Subsequent Counseling informs you about the TEACH Grant Program and the TEACH Grant service obligation.
- ✓ Complete the TEACH Grant *Agreement to Serve or Repay* (Agreement).
- ✓ Complete this form and email it to wheaid@bu.edu.

Awarding Process

Applications from students who qualify for the TEACH Grant will be reviewed based on the information reported on the 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students will be notified by Wheelock Graduate Financial Aid if they are eligible to receive the TEACH grant.



2025-2026 TEACH Grant Application

Please email this form to BU Wheelock Graduate Financial Aid at wheaid@bu.edu.

Last Name

First Name

BU ID Number

BU Email Address

Expected Graduation Date

Program of Study

Check the boxes below to certify that you understand all of the requirements of the TEACH Grant:

- ☐ I must be enrolled in a degree-seeking program that leads to a teaching licensure
- ☐ I intend to teach in a high needs subject area
- ☐ I have completed my FAFSA
- ☐ I have signed the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay
- ☐ I have completed TEACH Grant Initial and Subsequent Counseling
- ☐ I understand that I must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits for the semester in which I am requesting a TEACH Grant. Number of credits: Fall 2025 _____ Spring 2026 _____

Any funds anticipated for the 2025-2026 academic year from a source other than the TEACH Grant:

Source _____ Amount \$ _____

Source _____ Amount \$ _____

By my signature below, I acknowledge that the above information is true and correct. I understand that I must notify Student Services regarding any and all changes to the above information. I understand that changing my enrollment may reduce or eliminate my eligibility for a TEACH Grant. I understand the requirements of the TEACH Grant, including my obligation to teach, as specified in the fact sheet provided and elsewhere.

Signature

Date