REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE TEACH GRANT

The Financial Aid and Scholarships (FAS) office evaluates the eligibility of all students who express interest in receiving the TEACH Grant. It may not be possible for FAS to initially determine a student’s enrollment eligibility without input from a student regarding his/her program, plan, and sub-plan of study.

If you believe you are admitted to or enrolled in a program that will allow you to fulfill the TEACH Grant requirements, please provide a narrative detailing how this will occur. Please focus on how enrollment in your current program will lead you to teach in one of the areas listed below. If more space is needed, please attach additional sheets. Please return this form to FAS by mail or fax. Upon receipt, FAS will review the information you provide and will make a determination as to whether you are eligible for this award.

In order to receive the TEACH grant, a student must be admitted to or enrolled in an eligible program with a concentration in a designated subject area. A student must be completing or planning to complete coursework necessary to begin a career in teaching or for a graduate degree in education. After you complete your program, you must be able to be licensed as a full-time secondary or elementary “Highly Qualified Teacher” and at least 51% of your teaching time must be in one or more of the following content areas: Mathematics, Science, Foreign Language, Bilingual Education, Special Education, Reading Specialist, or other “High Need” field as designated by the U.S. Department of Education. Please note that because of the 51% teaching time requirement, most elementary teachers will not be eligible.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE
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The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 created the TEACH Grant program, which allows eligible students to be awarded up to $3,712 per year ($14,868 maximum for a four year program) in grants. Graduate students are eligible for up to $3,712 per year ($7,424 maximum limit). Recipients of a TEACH Grant must complete a period of service as a teacher in a school that serves low-income students. Visit [http://affordability.ku.edu/financialaid/grants/all.shtml](http://affordability.ku.edu/financialaid/grants/all.shtml) for additional information.

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

To receive the TEACH Grant, you must:

1. Submit the FAFSA ([www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)), although you do not have to demonstrate financial need.
2. Be a United States 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 75th 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 (if you are approved on the GPA requirement but not the admissions test requirement, you must maintain a 3.25 cumulative GPA 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.

*NOTE: The TEACH Grant award is prorated based on the number of hours in which you are enrolled.

**UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS DESIGNATED ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS FOR THE TEACH GRANT**

The KU School of Education ([www.soe.ku.edu](http://www.soe.ku.edu)) has designated the following to be TEACH Grant eligible programs:

- UKanTeach (Math and Science) ([www.ukanteach.ku.edu](http://www.ukanteach.ku.edu))
- 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)

**HIGH NEED SUBJECT AREAS**

The following are high need subject areas as designated by the U.S. Department of Education:

- Mathematics
- Science (e.g., Biology, Chemistry, Geology, or Physics)
- Foreign Language
- Bilingual Education
- Special Education
- Reading Specialist

**SERVICE OBLIGATION REQUIREMENTS**

In order to fulfill the service obligation of the TEACH Grant, a student must teach for four years (within eight years of finishing his/her degree) as a full-time secondary or elementary teacher in a high-need subject area at a school serving low-income students. A full-time teacher is one who spends the majority (at least 51%) of his/her time teaching in one of the high-need subject areas. Because of the 51% requirement, most elementary teachers will not be eligible. Visit [https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp](https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp) to view schools designated as serving low-income students by the U.S. Department of Education.

If a student fails to complete the four years of service within eight years of completing his/her 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.