

TEACH GRANT INFORMATION

The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 created the TEACH Grant program, which allows 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). Recipients of a TEACH Grant must complete a period of service as a teacher in a school that serves low-income students. Visit www.financialaid.ku.edu/programs/grants.shtml#teach for additional information.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS*

To receive the TEACH Grant, you must:

1. Submit the FAFSA (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) has designated the following to be TEACH Grant eligible programs:

- UKanTeach (Math and Science) (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> 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.