

TEACH Grant

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant provides funding to undergraduate and graduate students majoring in high-need education fields such as mathematics, science, foreign languages, and special education that prepare students to teach as a highly qualified teacher. Eligible students must have a current FAFSA on file and agree to teach full-time for at least four years as a highly qualified teacher in the high-need fields.

Know Before You Owe

The term “grant” refers to money that does not require repayment. However, to receive the TEACH Grant, you must agree to the terms of the TEACH Grant service obligation or **the TEACH Grants you received will be converted to Direct Unsubsidized Loans** that you must repay in full, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

For this reason, it’s very important that you fully understand the terms and conditions of the TEACH Grant service obligation **before you accept** the offered grant. <https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/teachCounselingGuide.pdf>

Students must meet certain academic achievement requirements to qualify for the TEACH grant, e.g., 75% percentile on one or more portions of a college admission test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25.

TEACH Grant Service Obligation*

If you do not meet the requirements of your service obligation, all TEACH Grants you received will be converted to Direct Unsubsidized Loans. You must repay these loans in full, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

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

- Serve as a full-time highly qualified teacher for four years at an elementary or secondary school or an educational service agency that serves low-income students; and
- Teach in a high-need field; and
- Complete the required four years of teaching within eight years after you graduate from or otherwise cease to be enrolled at the institution of higher education where you received your TEACH Grants.

*<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach>

UAB TEACH Grant Eligible Majors

- Arts Education
- English as a 2nd Language
- High School Education
- Mathematics
- Middle School Education, Mathematics
- Secondary Education
- Special Education
- STEM Education

To Be Awarded

Students who are interested in receiving the TEACH Grant will first need to contact the Office of Student Financial Aid to determine if they are eligible for the grant and in a high-need major as determined by the University.

The TEACH grant has an annual limit of \$4,000 for the academic year and \$2,000 per semester.

If approved complete the following steps:

- Have a current FAFSA on file with UAB, be eligible for federal student aid, and meet the academic achievement requirements.
- Once awarded, it can be accepted on the student’s “My Financial Aid” section of their BlazerNET account.
- Complete the TEACH Grant **Entrance Counseling** and **Agreement to Serve or Repay** at <https://studentaid.gov>.

The TEACH Grant award is based on a student’s semester enrollment and will automatically be prorated for any attendance less than full-time. Ex. If a student is enrolled as an undergraduate in 9 hours (3/4 time), the TEACH Grant will disburse at a prorated 75% of the awarded amount.

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