KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

TEACH Grant Program

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About the TEACH Grant Program

Through the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, Congress created the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program, which provides grants of up to $4,000 per year to undergraduate or graduate students who are completing or plan to complete coursework needed to begin a career in teaching. The annual grant amount is subject to change based on federal sequesters and as required by the Budget Control Act of 2011.
TEACH Grant Eligibility

To apply for and receive a TEACH Grant at KSU, you must:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Be admitted as a degree-seeking student in KSU's Bagwell College of Education.
- Meet certain academic achievement requirements (scoring above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 for all courses ever attempted at all institutions ever attended).
- Submit the KSU TEACH Grant Agreement Form.
- Receive TEACH Grant Counseling, which explains the terms and conditions of the TEACH Grant Service Obligation. You must complete counseling every year you receive a TEACH Grant.
- Sign the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay.
- Complete TEACH Grant Exit Counseling upon graduation or withdrawal.
Within KSU’s Bagwell College of Education, you must have earned a minimum of 60 credit hours OR be enrolled in an approved master’s degree program in one of the following majors:

- Early Childhood Education (M.Ed.)
- Elementary Education (B.S.)
- Foreign Language Education (B.A.)
- History - Secondary (B.S., M.Ed., Ed.S., or Ed.D.)
- Language Arts - Middle Grades (B.S., M.Ed., Ed.S., or Ed.D.)
- Master of Arts (all programs)
- Mathematics - Middle Grades (B.S., M.Ed., Ed.S., or Ed.D.)
- Physics - Secondary (B.S.Ed. or M.A.T.)
- Reading (M.Ed.)
- Science - Middle Grades (B.S., M.Ed., Ed.S., or Ed.D.)
- Social Studies - Middle Grades (B.S., M.Ed., Ed.S., or Ed.D.)
- Special Education - Individual General Curriculum (M.A.T., M.Ed., or Ed.S)
- Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (M.A.T. or M.Ed.)
TEACH Grant Service Obligation

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

• Serve as a full-time, highly qualified teacher for four (4) elementary or secondary school years at a school or educational service agency (ESA) that serves low-income students.
• Teach in a high-need field (see next page for more information).
• Complete the required four (4) years of teaching within eight (8) years after you graduate or withdraw from the institution of higher education where you received your TEACH Grants.

If you fail to complete the TEACH Grant Service Obligation, all TEACH Grants you received will be converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan, including interest beginning from the date the grants were disbursed, and you will be required to repay the total amount to the U.S. Department of Education.
High-Need Fields

High-need fields include, but are not limited to:

- Bilingual Education and English Language Acquisition
- Foreign Language
- Mathematics
- Reading Specialist
- Science (including Computer Science)
- Special Education

Other high-need fields are listed annually in the Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing. The Nationwide Listing is also updated regularly to include geographic regions of a state or specific grade levels designated as having a shortage of teachers.
Disclaimer

This fact sheet summarizes the TEACH Grant Program based on the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007. The information in this document is subject to change and is not binding on the Department of Education. You must comply with any other requirements the Department of Education determines necessary.

Contact Information

If you want to learn more about the TEACH Grant Program at KSU, please get in touch with the TEACH Grant Coordinator within the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid at 470-578-3565 or via email at KFA_TEACH@kennesaw.edu. More information is also available at studentaid.gov.