What is the TEACH Grant?
The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant (or TEACH Grant), was instituted on July 1, 2008 by the Department of Education (DOE), in conjunction with the College Cost Reduction and Access Act. The TEACH Grant is designed to encourage highly qualified teachers to serve low income schools in high-need subject areas. Please note that there are several requirements which are necessary to qualify for the grant, as well as a number of requirements which must be fulfilled in order to keep the grant. Students who do not meet the requirements to keep the grant will have those funds converted to an unsubsidized loan with added interest. Once a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.

How much money is available?
Undergraduate students may receive up to $4,000* per year for full–time enrollment for a total of $16,000 over the course of an undergraduate program. Graduate students may receive up to $4,000* per year for full-time enrollment for a total of $8,000 over the course of a graduate program. TEACH Grant amounts must be pro-rated for students who are not enrolled full-time.

- Undergraduate students: Half-time = $2,000* per year and divided by the number of semesters enrolled. Three-quarter time = $3,000* per year and divided by the number of semesters enrolled.
- Graduate students: Less than half-time = $1,000* per year and divided by the number of semesters enrolled.

*Actual amounts may vary based on congressional allocation so visit our website for up-to-date details.

Eligibility Requirements to Receive the TEACH Grant:
- Must file the FAFSA
- Must be in good standing with the Title IV aid programs as reported by the National Student Loan Database System (NSLDS).
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- Score above 75th percentile on a national admissions test (i.e. SAT/ACT/GRE).
- Be a current teacher or former teacher or retiree (in any field), enrolled in a TEACH-Grant-eligible academic program.
- Candidate must be enrolled in a TEACH Grant-eligible academic program.
- Candidate must meet one of the following qualifications:
  - Must have and maintain at least a cumulative 3.25 GPA on a scale of 4.0 prior to enrolling at Lesley University program.
  - Score above 75th percentile on a national admissions test (i.e. SAT/ACT/GRE).
  - Be a current teacher or former teacher or retiree (in any field), enrolled in a TEACH-Grant-eligible master’s degree program. (Former teachers must be pursuing high-quality alternative certification in a master’s degree program.)
  - Candidate must complete TEACH Grant Intent Form.
  - Candidate must complete TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling and subsequent counseling every year.
  - Candidate must sign the Agreement to Serve (ATS) each academic year.

The TEACH Grant is a program designed to assist students entering or continuing a teaching career in a high-need subject area in a school that serves low-income students. Please visit our TEACH Grant website for a list of TEACH-Grant-eligible academic programs offered at Lesley University: [https://lesley.edu/sites/default/files/2019-07/TEACH-Grant-Eligible-Programs.pdf](https://lesley.edu/sites/default/files/2019-07/TEACH-Grant-Eligible-Programs.pdf)

PLEASE NOTE: If a student receives the TEACH Grant and does not meet all of the requirements deemed necessary by the Department of Education, the TEACH Grant is converted into a DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED LOAN with back-added interest from the date the TEACH Grant was first credited to your student account. Once the TEACH Grant is converted into a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant. Due to these serious financial consequences, it is important that students only apply for the TEACH Grant if certain that all the conditions and obligations will be met.

**TEACH Grant application process:**

1. You must complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at [https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa](https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa) and complete the FAFSA every academic year.

2. You must submit the 2020-2021 TEACH Grant Intent Form. By completing and submitting this form you certify that all information submitted on the form is true and agree to contact us if your status or circumstances change.

3. You must be enrolled in a TEACH Grant eligible academic program. For a list of TEACH Grant eligible programs at Lesley, go to [https://lesley.edu/sites/default/files/2019-07/TEACH-Grant-Eligible-Programs.pdf](https://lesley.edu/sites/default/files/2019-07/TEACH-Grant-Eligible-Programs.pdf)

4. You must complete TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling and subsequent TEACH Grant counseling every academic year. TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling is located at [https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/launchTeach.action](https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/launchTeach.action)

5. You must complete the Agreement to Serve (ATS) every academic year. The Agreement to Serve (ATS) is developed by the Department of Education and explains all of the requirements to receive the TEACH Grant and to keep the TEACH Grant from being converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan. Included are examples which you may find helpful. The ATS can be found with the Entrance Counseling at the Department of Education website [https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/launchTeach.action](https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/launchTeach.action)
**B. TEACH Grant requirements:**

Carefully read the following and place an “X” to indicate your answer and to show you have read and understood all requirements.

1. Do you plan to enroll in a TEACH-Grant-eligible program at Lesley University? (For a list of eligible programs, visit: https://lesley.edu/sites/default/files/2019-07/TEACH-Grant-Eligible-Programs.pdf)

   Yes □ No □

2. Check one of the following:

   □ I submitted my ACT, SAT, and/or GRE scores to Lesley University and rank in the 75th percentile;
   □ OR I have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 prior to attending Lesley University and understand that I must maintain a 3.25 GPA each semester in order to keep receiving the TEACH Grant;
   □ OR I am a current teacher or former teacher and understand I must submit the Teacher Confirmation Form.*
   □ OR I am a retiree based on SSI and understand that I must submit the Retiree Form and confirm retiree status.*

   *Complete the TEACH Grant Teacher Confirmation Form and/or the Retiree Form.

3. Do you plan to teach in a high-need subject area such as Math, Science, Special Education, Reading Specialist, English as a Second Language (TESOL), Bilingual Education, or Foreign Language?

   Yes □ No □

   If you answered No, do you plan to teach in a high-need subject area that is not listed here but is listed as a high-need subject area in your state? List the state__________ and subject area__________________.

4. Do you plan to teach in a designated low income/Title I school?

   Yes □ No □

   (For a list of current low-income schools, visit: https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/tcli.action)

5. Do you plan to teach full-time and be deemed “highly qualified” by your state?

   Yes □ No □

6. Do you plan to teach in one of the above subject areas, in a designated low-income school as a full-time, highly-qualified teacher for at least FOUR YEARS within EIGHT YEARS of graduating from Lesley University?

   Yes □ No □

7. I understand that I must complete the FAFSA every year.

   Yes □ No □

8. I understand that I must complete TEACH Grant counseling every year.

   Yes □ No □

9. I understand that I must sign the Agreement to Serve every year.

   Yes □ No □

**A. Certification:**

Please sign below if you have answered “Yes” to all prerequisites listed above, have read and reviewed all requirements and are interested in receiving the TEACH Grant.

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