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The TEACH Grant program provides a federal grant to students who plan to become full-time, highly qualified teachers of high-need subjects in designated low-income elementary or secondary schools, or an educational service agency. The TEACH Grant Program provides grants of up to \$4,000 a year to students who are completing or plan to complete course work needed to begin a career in teaching (up to \$16,000 for undergraduate study or \$8,000 for graduate study).

- 1) Review the and sections below to confirm you are eligible for the Federal TEACH Grant.
- 2) Complete the Towson University TEACH Grant Application () and email it to the TU Financial Aid Office, Scholarship Unit at scholarship@towson.edu.
- 3) The TU Scholarship Unit will review your application and will email you an approval/denial decision.
- 4) Complete the online session and the online at https://studentaid.gov/teach-agreement/.

Please note, after your application is approved.

5) Meet with the College of Education advisor, <u>Dr. Laila Richman</u>, to discuss TEACH Grant requirements and complete the . (The TU Scholarship Unit will email you this form when they approve your application.)

After all processing steps have been completed, the Scholarship Unit will add your final TEACH Grant award to your TU financial aid record.

To receive a TEACH Grant you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. Visit www.towson.edu/fafsa. The FAFSA is required, but you don't have to demonstrate financial need to qualify for this grant program.
- Enroll as an undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or graduate student in a TEACH Grant eligible program. Approved majors that will prepare you to become a highly qualified teacher in a high need field are included on the TEACH Grant Fact Sheet following this page.
- Enroll in coursework necessary to begin a career in teaching, including subject area courses (e.g., math courses for a student who intends to be a math teacher).
- Meet certain academic achievement requirements such as an SAT score above the 75th percentile or a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25. If you are currently a teacher or you are retired from teaching and have expertise in a high need field (such as math, science, Special Education, English as a Second Language, or another high-need subject as defined by the U.S. Department of Education) then you are not subject to the SAT or GPA requirement.

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| Student Name (Last, First): | | TU ID#: | |

Your first step in applying for a Federal TEACH Grant is to read the Teach Grant Program Fact Sheet. As stated in the Fact Sheet, the application requirements for the TEACH Grant include:

- You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), but financial need is not required.
- Academic requirements: a score above the 75th percentile on one or more portions of a nationally normed admission test (such as SAT, ACT, or GRE) or a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 (unless you are currently a teacher or you are retiring and have expertise in a subject where there is shortage of teachers (math, science, Special Education, English as a Second Language, or another high-need subject as defined by the U.S. Department of Education)

In addition to the federal requirements for the TEACH Grant Program, you must meet with your education advisor each term to plan your academic coursework. If you are not an education major, you must also meet with the advisor for your academic major. Failure to meet with your advisor(s) will result in discontinuation of the TEACH Grant. If the grant is discontinued for this or any other reason, you will lose the grant for the current term. Further, you will still have the responsibility of fulfilling the service obligation for all TEACH Grant funds previously received or repaying the grant(s) with interest as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan.

I certify that I have read this Federal Teach Grant Fact Sheet. I understand that I must teach full time in a high-need field in an elementary or secondary school that is designated by the U.S. Department of Education as having a high concentration of students from low-income families. I further understand that I must perform this service as a highly qualified teacher for four years within the eight years immediately following completion of my degree.

If you are currently a teacher or you are retiring from teaching and have expertise in a subject where there is a shortage of teachers (math, science, Special Education, English as a Second Language, or another high-need subject as defined by the U.S. Department of Education) please check here:

Yes

No

| Student Signature: | Date: |
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(Choose one.) - Please include student's name and TU ID Number.

| Scan documents and upload to www.towson.edu/SubmitAidDocs. Please combine multiple pages into a single PDF file. | 410-704-2584 | Towson University Financial Aid Office 8000 York Road Towson, MD 21252 | Room 339 Enrollment Services Center Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30 |
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