

TEACH Grant

Students who plan to teach may wish to consider the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant. The [TEACH Grant](#) is designed for students who intend to teach full-time in a high-need field at a public or private elementary or secondary school that the U.S. Department of Education has designated as having a high concentration of students from low-income families.

Please note: If you are not already committed to teaching a high-need subject in a low-income school, please use caution when considering this possible source of funds. According to some estimates, only 20 percent of students who participate in the TEACH Grant Program will be able to use the funds as grants, while many students will see their funds converted to loans with accumulated interest.

Grant Amount

The TEACH Grant Program will provide up to \$4,000 per year (\$16,000 total for four-year undergraduate programs; \$8,000 total for graduate studies) in grants to students who plan to teach full-time in high-need subject areas at schools that serve students from low-income families. Three-quarter-time students can receive up to \$3,000 per year; half-time students can receive up to \$2,000 per year; and less-than-half-time students can receive up to \$1,000 per year. The program is available only to students fully admitted into an eligible teaching credential or Master's program at CSU Long Beach.

Please note: Because total financial aid must not exceed the cost of attendance, receiving a TEACH Grant may reduce the recipient's eligibility for other sources of financial aid.

Teaching Obligation

In exchange for the TEACH Grant, recipients agree to teach full-time for at least four years within eight years of finishing their teacher preparation program. In addition, recipients agree to teach in a low-income elementary or secondary school, as defined by the U.S. Department of Education's [Low-Income School Directory](#), and agree to teaching in a high need subject area. Grant recipients who are unable to complete any of the service requirements of the TEACH Grant Program will have their grants converted to a [Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Student Loan](#). Once the loan is converted, it remains a loan which students must repay – with interest accruing from the date the grant funds were disbursed.

There is no credit for part-time teaching or partial fulfillment of service.

Each year a grant recipient receives a TEACH Grant, they must sign a [TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve](#). When recipients sign the service agreement, they are agreeing on fulfilling the stringent requirements of the program.

High Need Fields

High Need Fields designated by the U.S. Department of Education are:

- Bilingual Education and English Language Acquisition
- Foreign Language
- Mathematics
- Reading Specialist
- Science
- Special Education
- Other identified teacher shortage areas as of the time you begin teaching in that field. These are teacher subject shortage areas (not geographic areas) that are listed in the [Department of Education's Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing](#).

Eligibility

To be eligible for a TEACH Grant, you must:

- Complete a [FAFSA](#) and meet [general eligibility requirements](#) for federal student aid.
- Be a [U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen](#).
- Be enrolled in an eligible credential program pursuing your initial credential.
- Undergraduate and credential students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 and maintain that GPA throughout your academic program (or score above the 75th percentile on a national standardized college admissions test).
- Students enrolled in a master's degree must be a current teacher or retiree (from another occupation with expertise in a field where there is a shortage of teachers).
- Note: Graduate students beyond their first semester must have a cumulative graduate GPA of 3.25 and maintain that GPA throughout your academic program.
- Complete [TEACH Grant counseling](#) and sign a [TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve](#) *each year you receive the grant*.
- Graduate students must complete [Teacher or Retiree Confirmation form](#).

How to Apply

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Students who are interested in applying for a TEACH Grant at CSULB must:

1. Complete [FAFSA](#) application.
2. Complete the TEACH Grant Student Certification Form: [Undergraduate Form](#) or [Graduate Form](#).
3. Graduate students must complete [Teacher or Retiree Confirmation Form](#).
4. Meet with their financial aid counselor in the Financial Assistance Office HGA, Room 004.
5. Complete [TEACH Grant counseling](#).
6. Sign an [Agreement to Serve](#).
7. Submit all information requested on the TEACH Certification Form to the Office of Financial Assistance for award processing.

Documentation

You must confirm with the U.S. Department of Education within 120 days of completing or otherwise ceasing enrollment in your teacher preparation program that you are fulfilling (or plan to fulfill) the terms and conditions of your service agreement. You must document your teaching service, and your documentation must be certified by the chief administrative officer at the school where you teach. It is your responsibility as a TEACH Grant recipient to maintain communication with U.S. Department of Education.

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