

2026-2027 TEACH Grant

The Federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant is awarded through S&T Student Financial Services to students who are completing, or intend to complete, teaching coursework and who agree to serve for a minimum of four years as full-time, highly qualified, high-need field teachers in schools that serve low-income students.

Students awarded the TEACH Grant are required to complete four years of qualified teaching service within eight years of completing their course of study for which the TEACH Grant was received. Failure to meet this or any other requirement of the TEACH Grant will result in the grant converting into a Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of original grant disbursement.

To apply for the TEACH Grant, S&T students must:

- Complete a 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov (S&T school code: 002517).
- Meet a qualifying academic achievement requirement (maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25). Current teachers, former teachers, and retirees are not required to meet this requirement.
- Be a degree seeking undergraduate student seeking their first bachelor's or a degree seeking graduate student. (Students seeking a post-baccalaureate certification or a second undergraduate degree are not eligible.)
- Be enrolled in at least three (3) credit hours.
- Enroll in coursework necessary to complete a teacher certification in a high-need field.
- Complete this application each academic year.
- Complete TEACH Grant Initial Entrance Counseling and Subsequent Counseling yearly.
- Sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay (Agreement) from the US Department of Education.

Award Amounts:

Due to automatic federal budget cuts, known as the 'Sequestration,' for any TEACH Grant first disbursed on or after October 1, 2026, and before Oct. 1, 2027, the maximum award of \$4,000 is reduced by 5.7 percent (\$228), resulting in a maximum award of:

	Annual Award	Lifetime Maximum
Undergraduates	\$3,772	cannot exceed \$16,000
Graduates	\$3,772	cannot exceed \$8,000
	Annual Award	Enrollment Status
Enrollment status also affects the annual award amount as illustrated:	\$3,772	Full-time
	\$2,829	Three-quarter time
	\$1,886	Half-time
	\$943	Less than Half-time

To fulfill the TEACH Grant Agreement to Service requirements, a recipient must:

- Serve as a full-time highly qualified teacher in a low-income school in a high-need field as listed in the Nationwide List and for the state in which you will be teaching most classes for at least four years within eight calendar years of leaving the program for which you received the TEACH Grant. High-Need fields are these specific fields: bilingual education, English language acquisition, foreign language, mathematics, reading specialist, science, and special education. For others, and to access the Nationwide List of high-need field areas please go to tsa.ed.gov/#/home/.
- Write to the Secretary of Education (within 120- days of completing or otherwise leaving the program of study for which the TEACH Grant was received) confirming that you are employed as a full-time teacher in accordance with the terms of the TEACH Grant, or you are not yet employed as a full-time teacher but intend to meet the terms of the TEACH Grant service agreement.
- Respond promptly to any requests for information or documentation of the service in the form of a certification by a chief administrative officer of the school.
- Submit upon completion of each year of teaching service, documentation of the service in the form of a certification by a chief administrative officer of the school.
- Comply with all other terms, conditions, and requirements that the Secretary of Education determines to be necessary.

Failing to meet any of the terms above will result in the TEACH Grant funds you received converting into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of original disbursement(s). Once this grant is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.

For more information regarding the program, go to the U.S. Department of Education's TEACH Grant website at studentaid.gov/teach.

If you are interested in being considered for the TEACH Grant, complete the following application, and return it to S&T Student Financial Services. If you have any questions about the TEACH Grant or completing this application, please review the S&T Student Financial Services website at sfs.mst.edu or contact S&T Student Financial Services by phone 573-341-4282 or email sfs@mst.edu.

Incomplete application packets will NOT be accepted or processed.

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I. PACKET CHECKLIST

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Major: _____ Phone: _____

The Federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant is awarded through S&T Student Financial Services to students who are completing, or intend to complete, coursework to begin a career in teaching and who agree to serve for a minimum of four years as full-time, highly qualified, high-need field teachers in low-income schools.

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PLEASE INITIAL NEXT TO EACH COMPLETED ITEM

STEP 1

_____ **Complete a 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov.**
Students wanting to participate in the TEACH Grant Program MUST complete a FAFSA application each academic year in which they wish to receive the grant. (S&T's FAFSA code: 002517)

STEP 2

_____ **Review the TEACH Grant program conditions and requirements.**
TEACH Grant program information is available to view online at: studentaid.gov/teach.

STEP 3

_____ **Meet with an Academic Advisor in Education Department.**
It is necessary that both Education and non-Education majors meet with an Education Department Academic Advisor to ensure you are completing coursework and other requirements necessary for a career in teaching. Included is a section to be completed by an academic advisor and to be submitted as part of this application.

STEP 4

_____ **Complete this application packet and submit it to S&T Student Financial Services.**

- ☐ Packet Checklist (Page 1, *this page*)
- ☐ Student Checklist (Page 2)
- ☐ Advising Form (Page 3)

Note: There are **three more steps** that must be completed AFTER this form is processed:

- Accept TEACH Grant award in Joe'SS.
- Complete TEACH Grant initial entrance counseling.
- Complete TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and Repay (Agreement).

Information on completing these last steps will be sent to your S&T student email address. It is your responsibility to check your email and follow the directions.

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II. STUDENT CHECKLIST

Are you currently completing or planning to complete coursework and other requirements necessary to begin a career in teaching? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Year in school _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Major/Degree _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Please initial each of the following items before signing and submitting this form:

_____ I believe I may be eligible to receive the TEACH Grant based on one or both of the following:

_____ My current cumulative GPA is at least a 3.25.

_____ Current teacher, former teacher, or retiree (GPA not applicable).

_____ I understand that this grant is intended only for students who plan to become teachers in a high-need subject field and who plan to teach in low-income schools as determined by the federal government or state which is subject to change.

_____ I understand that I will have to complete the TEACH Grant application, entrance counseling, and an Agreement to Serve for each year that I am eligible and receive the award.

_____ I understand that if I am not able to meet the conditions outlined in the Agreement to Serve, the TEACH Grant will convert to a federal direct unsubsidized loan, and the interest will backdate to the time of the grant disbursement.

_____ I understand that to keep the grant from becoming a loan, I must teach for four (4) of the eight (8) years following the completion of my program in a high-need subject area in a low-income school regardless of the number of years, I received the grant.

Conditions of the TEACH Grant

By signing this form, I am certifying that I have read this form and all enclosures thoroughly. I understand that by signing and submitting this form, I am requesting S&T Student Financial Services to determine my eligibility for the TEACH Grant and, if it is determined that I am eligible, to add the grant to my award package.

NOTE: There are three more steps that you must be completed AFTER this form is processed. Before receiving a TEACH Grant, you must complete, in this specific order:

1. TEACH Grant acceptance in Joe'SS - Students will be notified at their student email address once the completed application has been reviewed. You will need to accept the offer and then email sfs@mst.edu once complete.
2. TEACH Grant Initial and Subsequent Counseling
3. TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and Repay

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

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III. ADVISING FORM

_____ is applying for the Federal TEACH Grant.
(Student Name) (Student ID)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AS IT IS NECESSARY FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY

Is this student currently completing or planning to complete coursework and other requirements necessary to begin a career in teaching?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please check all that apply:

_____ This student has discussed plans with me to take coursework necessary to work towards teacher certification and/or specialization.

_____ This student plans to seek teacher certification in one of the following high-need fields (check the appropriate field of study):

_____ Applied Mathematics with education emphasis

_____ Biological Science with education emphasis

_____ Chemistry with education emphasis

_____ Environmental Science with education emphasis (earth science)

_____ Elementary and early childhood emphasis

_____ Education with middle school mathematics emphasis

_____ Education with middle school science emphasis

_____ Multidisciplinary Studies with French emphasis

_____ Multidisciplinary Studies with Spanish emphasis

_____ Physics with education emphasis

_____ Other: _____, which has been identified as high need by the federal government, a state government, or a local education agency, and is included in the annual [Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing](#).

Education Academic Advisor Signature

Date

Print Advisor Name

Advisor Phone

Once all three (3) pages of this packet (Packet Checklist, Student Checklist, and Advising Form) are fully completed and signed, please return the completed packet to S&T Student Financial Services.