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TEACH Grant Checklist for Students

- The Federal TEACH Grant program provides funds to postsecondary students who are completing or planning to complete coursework that is needed to begin a career in teaching.
- Students must agree to serve for at least four years as a full-time, highly qualified teacher in a high-need field, in a school serving low-income students.
- Eligible students may receive up to $4,000 per year in TEACH Grant funds, up to a maximum of $16,000 for undergraduate and post-baccalaureate study, and $8,000 for graduate study ($4,000 per year).
- Students who fail to complete the four years of teaching service within eight years after completing coursework, will have the TEACH grant funds converted to a loan.

Student Eligibility to Qualify for the Grant
In order to be eligible for a TEACH Grant, students must:

- ☐ Complete a FAFSA. Financial need is not required.
- ☐ Be in an eligible program:
  - ○ An undergraduate program of study that will lead to becoming a "highly qualified teacher" in a high-need field.
  - ○ SUNO's post-baccalaureate teacher credential program.
  - ○ SUNO's master's degree programs in Education.
- ☐ Meet one of the two academic achievement requirements:
  - ○ Scored above the 75th percentile on at least one of the nationally normed, standardized admission tests (e.g. math section of the SAT reasoning test). Please attach a copy of your test scores with percentiles.
  - ○ Have and maintain a 3.25 GPA on a four-point scale:
    - High school GPA for first year undergraduate students.
    - Undergraduate GPA for first year graduate students.
    - Prior college GPA for transfer students.
- ☐ Complete U.S. Department of Education TEACH Grant program Agreement to Serve for each year of participation. The Agreement may be signed at www.teach-ats.ed.gov.
- ☐ Complete an Entrance Interview for each year of participation at www.mappingyourfuture.org/OSLC/counseling.

Student Commitment to Keep the Grant

- ☐ TEACH GRANT recipients must teach full time in qualifying teaching positions for four out of the first eight years after leaving school.
- ☐ Meet the requirements for a highly qualified teacher as outlined at www.ed.gov/teachers/nclbguide/improve-quality.html.
- ☐ The position must be in a low-income school and students must teach in a high-need field.

Consequences of Not Completing Service Requirement

- ☐ If a Teach Grant recipient fails to fulfill the commitment, the amounts of the grants that were disbursed, plus 6.8% interest calculated from the point of disbursement and capitalized, are "converted" to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan.
- ☐ Once a TEACH Grant is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.

Certification of Counseling: The student indicated below has completed the required counseling for a TEACH Grant and understands the grant loans and terms, including the consequences of not completing the service requirement.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Student Name	Student ID Number	Student Signature	Date

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Certification Officer's Signature (Education Department)	Certification Officer's Printed Name	Date	Phone Number

Definitions:

- Low Income School – A public or private elementary or secondary school listed on the U.S. Department of Education's "Annual Directory of Designated Low-income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits" (www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp)
- TEACH Grant High Need Fields – Mathematics, Science, Foreign Language, Bilingual Education, English Language, Acquisition, Special Education, Reading Specialist or any field listed on the Teacher Shortage Nationwide Listing (www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.pdf)
- For Specific information, students should carefully review the Teach Grant Fact sheet at https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/images/gen/factsheet.pdf