

TEACH Grant Application 2019-2020

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant is awarded by UAS 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 a full-time, highly-qualified, high-need field teacher in a low-income school. For more information regarding highly-qualified teachers, high-need subject areas and schools serving low-income students, visit <http://uas.alaska.edu/finaid/grants/index.html>

In order to qualify, you must:

- Complete the FAFSA
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be admitted into an approved UAS Degree Program
 - Bachelor of Arts in Special Education
 - Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education or Secondary Education or pursuing a Science, Math or Foreign Language endorsement.
 - Master of Education in Reading
 - Master of Education in Special Education
- Have a 3.25 cumulative GPA from your bachelor's degree OR
- Score above the 75th percentile on a college admissions test
- Take coursework necessary to complete teacher certification in a high-need field
- Each academic year complete the following:
 - TEACH Grant Application (this form)
 - TEACH Grant Initial and Subsequent Counseling
 - TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve
 - Meet with the TEACH Grant Advisor in the School of Education and complete the TEACH Grant Application

In order to maintain grant status after graduation, you must:

- Serve as a full-time teacher in a low-income school, as a highly-qualified teacher, and in a high-need field (as listed in the Nationwide List for the state in which you will be teaching) for the majority of classes taught for at least four years within eight calendar years of leaving the program for which you received the TEACH Grant
- Write to the U.S. 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
- Upon completion of each year of teaching service, submit documentation of that 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 deems necessary

If you fail to meet any of these terms, the TEACH Grant funds you receive will convert into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of original disbursement. Once this grant is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.

Due to the Budget Control Act of 2011 (the sequester law), TEACH Grant awards first disbursed on or after October 1, 2014 and before October 1, 2015 are subject to required changes for the federal fiscal year 2015. The sequester changes the percentage by which TEACH Grant awards must be reduced from the original statutory award amount, regardless of when any subsequent disbursement of the award is made. Your original TEACH Grant award is contingent upon your enrollment and the sequester law.

If you are interested in the TEACH Grant, complete the following application and return it to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

TEACH Grant Application 2019-2020

Name _____

Student ID _____

Phone _____

Date of Birth _____

The TEACH Grant is awarded by UAS 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 a full-time, highly-qualified, high-need field teacher in a low-income school. If students awarded the TEACH Grant fail to meet any of the mentioned requirements (located on the first page of this application), **the grant will convert into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of original disbursement.**

If a student is eligible to receive the TEACH Grant, the student will be awarded an estimated amount based on full-time enrollment and the current year sequester. If the student is enrolled less than full-time, the amount of the annual TEACH Grant that he or she may receive must be reduced accordingly. **The amount of your TEACH Grant is subject to change during the academic year.**

This form will **not** be processed if any items are left blank or illegible. Allow up to at least 10 business days for processing. This timeframe may vary depending on the time of the year and volume of requests our office receives.

Section 1 – Required

Student Eligibility

- I am currently a(n): *(Choose one)*
 - Undergraduate Student
 - Bachelor of Arts in Special Education
 - Graduate/Professional Student
 - Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education or Secondary Education pursuing a Science, Math or Foreign Language endorsement. Which emphasis: _____
 - Master of Education in Reading
 - Master of Education in Special Education
- Please indicate your graduation date: _____
- I have received the TEACH Grant before: *(Choose one)* Yes No
- I meet one of the following academic requirements: *(Choose one)*
 - I have taken the SAT/ACT/GRE test and passed with a score exceeding the 75th percentile on at least one section. **Attached is an unofficial copy of my test scores.**
 - I have a 3.25 cumulative GPA at UAS.
 - I have not yet completed a semester at UA; however, I have a final high school *(freshmen only)* or postsecondary *(transfer students only)* 3.25 non-weighted cumulative GPA. **Attached is a copy of my unofficial transcript.**

Section 2 – Required

Dean of the College of Education Certification

The student whose name appears on this form is currently pursuing TEACH Grant funding with the Financial Aid Office. Please complete the items below. **Without this information, the student's application cannot be processed.**

- **Is the student currently completing or planning to complete coursework and other requirements necessary for a career in teaching?**
 - Yes No

I believe that this student understands the requirements and potential financial consequences of the TEACH Grant program, and consider him/her to be eligible for this program.

Dean of the College of Education Signature _____

Date: _____

Section 3 – Required

Student Certification

I certify that the information on this TEACH Grant Application is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I have:

Initials _____

Read and reviewed the Teach Grant information at:

<https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/launchTeach.action>

Initials _____

Completed the 2019-2020 Teach Grant Entrance Counseling

Initials _____

Completed the 2019-2020 Agreement to Serve

Initials _____

Completed the Dean of the School of Education Certification (above)

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____