

TEACH Grant Program Information

The TEACH Grant Program is a non-need based program that provides up to \$4,000 per year to students enrolled in an eligible program and who agree to teach as a highly-qualified teacher in a high-need field, at a low-income elementary or secondary school for at least four years within eight years of completing the program for which TEACH Grant was awarded. Eligible undergraduate students may not receive more than \$16,000 and graduate students may receive no more than \$8,000 in total TEACH Grants.

In exchange for TEACH Grant aid, students must agree to serve as a full-time teacher at a federally designated low-income (Title I) school and teach in a specified high-need field for four academic years within eight years after completing their program. TEACH Grant recipients who do not fulfill their teaching obligations must repay the grant as if it was an unsubsidized Direct Loan, with interest accruing from the date the grant was disbursed.

A listing of Title I schools can be found at: <https://studentaid.gov/tcli/>

Additional information about the program can be found at: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach>

Student Eligibility Requirements:

- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov and meet all federal student eligibility requirements*
- Notify the Office of Financial Aid of interest in the TEACH grant program.
- Be a junior or senior undergraduate student admitted into the early education, middle grades education, or secondary education programs OR be a graduate student admitted into the Master of Arts in Education (MAEd.) or Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) programs. *Undergraduate freshmen and sophomores are not eligible for the TEACH grant.*
- Enroll in a degree program that has been identified by the federal government as “high-need”. (A state-by-state listing can be found at <https://tsa.ed.gov/#/home/>)
- Maintain a 3.25 GPA **OR** score in the 76th percentile or higher on at least one nationally normed admissions test (SAT, ACT, GRE)
- Complete in person counseling with the Bellarmine Office of Financial Aid.
- Complete counseling with Bellarmine School of Education
- Complete online counseling at <https://studentaid.gov/teach-grant-program>
- Complete and sign Agreement to Serve (ATS) with the U.S. Department of Education each year at <https://studentaid.gov/teach-grant-program>.

*Please note that the amount of TEACH Grant in combination with any other assistance may not exceed the cost of attendance.

To begin the TEACH Grant process; please contact Alie Willer, Assistant Director of Financial Aid by email at awiller@bellarmine.edu or 502-272-7923.