

TO: WVU Students

RE: Federal TEACH Grant Application for 2015-2016 (Fall 2015/Spring 2016/Summer 2016)

The Federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (**TEACH**) Grant Program provides grants (based on enrollment status) to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families. If you are interested in being considered for a TEACH Grant, please carefully review all of the information in this correspondence and complete the initial application for the program.

To be eligible for a TEACH Grant, you must:

- complete the 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Although you do not have to demonstrate financial need, TEACH Grant in combination with other educational resources cannot exceed Cost of Attendance.
- be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- be admitted into the Dual Degree 5 Year Teacher Education Program as a junior or senior level undergraduate pursuing a first bachelors degree/master's degree and certification (eligible programs—elementary education with a special education specialization; secondary world languages education; secondary mathematics education; or secondary science education) OR a junior or senior level undergraduate pursuing a first bachelors degree in Child Development and Family Studies (CDFS) with a specialization in Preschool Special Needs OR a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in secondary education with certification (eligible programs—world languages education, mathematics education or science education), a master's degree with certification in special education, or a master's degree with certification in reading. *Students pursuing the degree only or certification only are not eligible.*
- have an overall grade point average of 3.25 at the time of initial *and* subsequent disbursement of funds as long as the standards of satisfactory academic progress for financial aid are met.
- sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and complete an on-line entrance (or subsequent) counseling session prior to disbursement of the TEACH Grant; you must also complete exit counseling at the time of degree completion or leaving the program.

In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must agree to serve as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students. If you would like to review the schools currently identified as serving low-income students, you may do so at <https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp>; information on the high-need fields is available at <http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/TEACH.jsp>. As a recipient of a TEACH Grant, you must teach full-time for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing or withdrawing from the program of study for which you received a TEACH Grant. **If you fail to complete this service obligation, all amounts of TEACH Grants that you received will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan.** You must then repay this loan to the US Department of Education. You will be charged interest from the date the grant(s) was originally disbursed.

The initial application should be submitted to Jeannee McGraw, Center for Student Advising, PO Box 6122, 710-A Allen Hall, Morgantown, WV 26506. At that time, it will be determined if you meet the academic criteria; the application will then be forwarded to the Financial Aid Office. If you are eligible for the TEACH Grant you will receive notification to your MIX email from the Financial Aid Office regarding the amount of the award and information on the required "counseling" session and the "agreement to serve" document which you must sign prior to disbursement. **If you have an existing financial aid package, please understand that an adjustment may be necessary to other forms of aid in order to offer the maximum TEACH grant.**

If you have questions about the application, please contact Jeannee McGraw at 304-293-6698. If you have questions about eligibility, please email Nicole Solomon at nicole.solomon@mail.wvu.edu. Once you receive the award, if you have questions please contact Nicole Solomon at 304-293-5242 or nicole.solomon@mail.wvu.edu.

TEACHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FOR COLLEGE AND HIGHER EDUCATION (TEACH) GRANT

APPLICATION FOR 2015-2016 (Fall '15/Spring '16/Summer '16)

TEACH Grants provide assistance to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students. As a recipient of a TEACH Grant, you must teach for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study for which you received a TEACH Grant.

IMPORTANT: If you fail to complete this service obligation, the TEACH Grants you received will convert to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. You must then repay this loan to the U.S. Department of Education. You will be charged interest from the dates the grants originally disbursed.

Section A: Student Information. Must be completed by the student. Print in ink or type.

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle Initial: _____

WVU ID: _____ MIX E-Mail Address: _____

Academic Level: _____ College Junior _____ College Senior _____ 1st Year Masters _____ 2nd Year Masters

Applying for (check all that apply): _____ Fall 2015 _____ Spring 2016 _____ Summer 2016 (if available)

Current Overall Grade Point Average: _____ (Must Stay Over 3.25)

Eligibility is limited to students who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree or in a graduate program. Those pursuing a degree only or certification only are not eligible. ONLY the majors listed below are eligible.

Select one degree program:

Dual Degree 5 Year Program

- _____ Elementary Ed. with Special Ed.
_____ Secondary Ed. World Lang.
_____ Secondary Ed. Math
_____ Secondary Ed. Science

Masters with Certification Teach Ed. Program

- _____ Secondary Ed. World Lang.
_____ Secondary Ed. Math
_____ Secondary Ed. Science
_____ Special Education
_____ Reading Specialist

Bachelors in CDFS

- _____ Preschool Special Needs

I understand that submission of this application is a request for TEACH Grant funds. I understand that there are certain eligibility criteria which I must meet in order to receive a TEACH Grant. I understand that if I receive a TEACH Grant and do not complete the required service obligation, the TEACH Grant will revert to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan with interest accrued from the date the grant was originally disbursed.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Section B: College Information. Must be completed by the WVU College of Education and Human Services.

Applicant is enrolled in the following program of study:

Dual Degree 5 Year Program

- _____ Elementary Ed. with Special Ed.
_____ Secondary Ed. World Lang.
_____ Secondary Ed. Math
_____ Secondary Ed. Science

Masters with Certification Teach Ed. Program

- _____ Secondary Ed. World Lang.
_____ Secondary Ed. Math
_____ Secondary Ed. Science
_____ Special Education
_____ Reading Specialist

Bachelors in CDFS

- _____ Preschool Special Needs

_____ Applicant is a regularly admitted student seeking both a degree and certification.

Applicant GPA Verification: _____ Applicant Approval: Yes No

Comment: _____

Printed Name

Signature

Date