



2023-24 TEACH Grant Request for Education Majors

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The TEACH Grant program was created by Congress to encourage “high quality” Elementary and Secondary education by “highly qualified” teachers in specific “high need” fields. For this reason, to be eligible to receive a TEACH Grant, you must:

- Be accepted into a Teacher Education program and be enrolled in education course(s) in each term that you receive the TEACH Grant, and
- Have a college cumulative Grade Point Average of no less than 3.25.

The TEACH Grant converts to a Federal Unsubsidized Loan with interest back to the date of disbursement if you are not employed as a teacher in a high need field in a low-income-serving elementary and/or secondary school for four (4) of the first eight (8) years after you complete your education. Hence, the US Department of Education requires you to annually complete both:

- The TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve, and
- TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling

Both documents are located at <https://studentaid.gov/teach-grant-program> where you log in with your FSA ID to complete and submit these online. To learn more about the definitions of high need fields or identify potential employers which “serve low-income students,” please navigate to: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach>

Teaching in a High Need Field may require you to test for specific Endorsement(s). Further, whether the federal government will count your employment teaching in a high need field in a low-income school will not depend upon anything Kansas Wesleyan University does or can do. It is dependent upon how the Human Resources office or your principal completes the annual Certification Form. A copy of a sample Certification Form is available at: <https://myfedloan.org/documents/teach-grants/fd/certification.pdf>. Which means that you could be teaching in a low income school but your TEACH Grant could still convert to a loan. The TEACH Grant program is a great program which has helped many students become wonderful teachers, but some recipients have been disappointed when their grant converted to a loan.

We will not be able to add the Federal TEACH Grant to your Financial Aid Awards until this completed and signed form is received in the Student Financial Planning Office and you have submitted all required TEACH Grant forms. Your Cumulative GPA will be reviewed each semester prior to disbursement to insure you meet the GPA requirement. If you do not, the TEACH Grant will not be disbursed to your student account.

Student Name: _____ KWU STUDENT ID# _____

I, the above named student, am confident that I understand and can fulfill the requirements to teach in a low income school and be certified by my employer that I teach in a High Need Field to assure that my Federal TEACH will remain a Grant and NOT be converted to an interest-bearing loan, or I am willing to repay the Federal TEACH Grant after it has converted to a low-interest loan. Please add the Federal TEACH Grant to my awards and disburse it to my account.

I completed the TEACH Entrance Counseling and Agreement to Serve for the 2023-24 year on (date) _____.

Signature: _____ Date: _____