

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

DENTON/DALLAS/HOUSTON

2008-2009

FINANCIAL AID

DEADLINES:

Academic Scholarships	March 1, 2008
Summer Financial Aid	March 1, 2008
Fall/Spring Financial Aid	April 1, 2008
Spring Only Financial Aid	Sept. 1, 2008

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TEACH GRANT PROGRAM

The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 created the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program that provides up to \$4,000 per year (\$16,000 total for four-year programs) in grants to students who intend to **teach full-time in high-need subject areas** for at least **four years at schools that serve students from low-income families**. Graduate students are also eligible for \$ 4,000 per year (\$ 8,000 total).

IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLETE THE FOUR-YEAR TEACHING OBLIGATION YOU WILL HAVE TO REPAY THE GRANT WITH INTEREST!!!

Effective Dates

The first TEACH Grants will be awarded to eligible students for the 2008-09 school year.

Student Eligibility Requirements

To receive a TEACH Grant you must:

- Complete the 2008-2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), although you do not have to demonstrate financial need.
- Be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Be enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching or plan to complete such coursework. Coursework that will prepare a student to teach in a high-need subject area (e.g., math courses for a student who intends to be a math teacher) is acceptable.
- Meet the following academic achievement requirements
 - Score above the **75th percentile** on one of the following college admissions test(s) - SAT, ACT, or GRE, **Or**
 - Graduate from High School with a Cumulative **GPA of at least 3.25** on a 4.0 scale **AND** maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 throughout your academic program for which you receive a TEACH Grant.
- Complete TEACH Grant counseling
- Sign a **TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay** each year with the U.S. Department of Education (Agreement must be completed if you are awarded a TEACH Grant)

TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay

Each year you receive a TEACH Grant, you must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay (service agreement) that is available electronically on the Department of Education Web site. The TEACH Grant service agreement specifies the conditions under which the grant will be awarded, the teaching service requirements, and includes an acknowledgment by you that you understand that **if you do not meet the teaching service requirements you must repay the grant as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, with interest accrued from the date the grant funds were first disbursed.** Specifically, the TEACH Grant service agreement will provide that –

Teaching Obligation

To avoid repaying the TEACH Grant as a loan with interest you must be a **highly-qualified, full-time** teacher in a **high-need subject area** for at least **four years** within **eight years of finishing the program** at a **school serving low-income students**. Specific definitions of these terms are included below.

Highly-Qualified Teacher

You must perform the teaching service as a highly-qualified teacher. The term highly-qualified teacher is defined in section 9101(23) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or in section 602(10) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – online at: <http://www.ifap.ed.gov/dpclatters/GEN0414.html>.

Full-Time Teacher

You must meet the state's definition of a full-time teacher and spend the majority (at least 51 percent) of your time teaching one of the high-need subject areas. Elementary school teachers who teach many subjects would not be able to fulfill their service agreement.

High-Need Subject Areas

- Bilingual Education and English Language Acquisition
- Foreign Language
- Mathematics
- Reading Specialist
- Science
- Special Education
- Other teacher shortage areas identified at the time you begin teaching. These are subject areas (not geographic areas) that are listed in the Department of Education's Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing at <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc>.

Schools Serving Low-Income Students

Schools serving low-income students include any elementary or secondary school that is listed in the Department of Education's Annual Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools for Teacher Cancellation Benefits at <https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIPubSchoolSearch.jsp>.

Documentation

For each TEACH-eligible program for which you received TEACH Grant funds, you must also provide documentation to the federal Department of Education that you completed your teaching obligation. TEACH Grant recipients must also confirm to the federal Department of Education in writing within 120 days of completing or otherwise ceasing enrollment in the TEACH-eligible program that they are fulfilling (or planning to fulfill) the terms and conditions of the service agreement.

Documentation of the teaching service must be certified by the elementary or secondary school's chief administrative officer, upon completion of four academic years of teaching service. This documentation must show that you were a **full-time, highly-qualified** teacher at a **school serving low-income students**, teaching a **high-need subject area** for at least **four years**.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE TEACHING OBLIGATION OR PROPERLY DOCUMENT YOUR TEACHING SERVICE WILL CAUSE THE TEACH GRANT TO BE PERMANENTLY CONVERTED TO A LOAN WITH INTEREST.

ONCE A GRANT IS CONVERTED TO A LOAN IT CAN'T BE CONVERTED BACK TO A GRANT!

To apply for the TEACH Grant at Texas Woman's University

- *Complete the 2008-2009 FAFSA
 - Indicate on your FAFSA that you plan to teach
 - Request your FAFSA information be sent to TWU - Title IV Code 003646
- *Complete the 2008-2009 TWU Certification and Information Form
 - Submit to the TWU Financial Aid Office.
- *Complete the 2008-2009 TEACH Grant Request Form
 - Submit to the TWU College of Professional Education (COPE) for completion by Susan Fisher, Bonnie Lowther, Brenda Wilson, or Linda Kobler
 - COPE will forward completed form to TWU Financial Aid Office

*Available on line at www.twu.edu/finaid