

The new Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides up to \$4,000 per year in grants for graduate and undergraduate students who intend to **teach full-time in high-need subject areas** for at least **four years** at a **school(s) that serve students from low-income families**.

To be considered to receive a TEACH grant for an undergraduate or graduate program of study, you must:

- Be formally admitted into one of the following high-need teaching programs at BSU (at the undergraduate level, formal admission consists of the declared major on file with the Records Office and a passing grade recorded for ED 3100, including completion of the PPST):

<u>Undergraduate Programs</u>	<u>Graduate Programs</u>
Science Education	Master of Science – Elementary & Middle Level
Math Education	Mathematics Education
Spanish Education	Master of Science – Mathematics
Physical Education	Master of Science – Science (5 th – 8 th grade)
Technology Education	Master of Science – Special Education (M.S.)
	Master of Special Education – Special Education (M.SPED)

The Department of Education's *Annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing* is located at www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.doc.

- Meet **one** of the following academic achievement requirements:
 - Have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.25 from your most recent completed semester; or
 - Scored above the 75th percentile (on the day of testing) on a college admission test (e.g. ACT, SAT, GRE).
- Be a citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Not in default on a federal student loan.
- Meet the Standards for Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) located at www.fafsa.ed.gov (although you do not have to demonstrate financial need).
- Agree to teach in a high-need subject area at a school serving low-income students for at least four of the eight years following graduation or ceasing your program of study. When you begin teaching, the school must be listed on the Department of Education's *Annual Directory of Designated Low-Income Schools* located at www.tcli.ed.gov (click on SEARCH button, choose a state and to narrow your search, either enter your School's Name or the name of a county after Location).

If you fail to complete the 4-year teaching obligation within 8 years of completing or ceasing your program of study, your grant will convert to an unsubsidized loan which will have to be repaid with interest accrued from the date the grant funds were first disbursed.

If you are selected to receive a TEACH Grant, EACH year you will need to:

- Complete TEACH Grant Counseling (located at <https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>)
- Complete and sign the Agreement to Serve (ATS) (located at <https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>); and
- EACH semester, maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 (if you originally qualified for the TEACH Grant by meeting the academic achievement requirement of a cumulative GPA of 3.25).