Federal TEACH Grant Request

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW

Check each statement that applies; you must meet each of the statements to be eligible.

_______ I am admitted to a designated upper level (junior or senior) TEACH-eligible undergraduate or graduate program at Georgia State University and intend to teach full time in my subject area for at least four years at schools that serve students from low income families within eight years of graduating from my program. I wish to apply for the federal TEACH grant program. A list of eligible majors are listed on page 2.

_______ I currently have a required cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.25.

I am enrolled at Georgia State University. Indicate the semester(s) for which you will be enrolled and wish to receive the Federal TEACH grant:

☐ Fall 2018
☐ Spring 2019
☐ Summer 2019

The Federal TEACH Grant will convert to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized loan with interest accumulated from the beginning of the first disbursement, if you do not meet all the requirements as noted on the Agreement to Serve.

Additional application steps:

In addition to this application (and your FAFSA), you must complete the following after you have been awarded the TEACH Grant:

- TEACH Grant Initial or Subsequent Counseling at https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/launchTeach.action
- TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve (ATS) at https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/launchTeach.action
- Every year you receive a Federal TEACH Grant, you will need to complete entrance counseling and a new agreement to serve
  *If you complete the information before being awarded, Georgia State will not receive your information*

“I certify that I have read and understand all requirements and obligations in receiving the TEACH Grant.”

Student’s Signature ____________________________ Date ______________________
(Required)
This form must be received in our office at least 30 days prior to your last date of enrollment during the 2018-2019 academic year.

Teaching Obligation
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 (see below for more information on high-need fields and schools serving 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, 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 U.S. Department of Education. You will be charged interest from the date the grant(s) was disbursed.

Service Agreement
Each year you receive a TEACH Grant, you must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay (service agreement) which will be available electronically on the U.S. Department of Education web site. When you sign the service agreement, you are agreeing to repay the grant as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, with interest accrued from the date that the grant funds were disbursed, if you do not complete the teaching obligation. You must perform the teaching service as a highly-qualified teacher at a low-income school. 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. Your teaching service must be in a high-need field. You must comply with any other requirements that the Department of Education determines to be necessary. Once the grant has been converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.

Counseling
You will be required to complete counseling through the financial aid office each year that you accept a TEACH Grant. You will also be required to complete Exit Counseling when you graduate or leave school.

High-Need Subject Areas – your major must specifically be from on the list below.

- Behavior/Learning Disabilities
- Birth Through Five
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Education Se
- Elementary Education
- English As Second Language
- English Education
- English Speakers Other Lang
- Instructional Design & Tech
- Mathematics
- Mathematics & Science
- Mathematics Education
- Middle Childhood Education
- Middle Level Education
- Multiple/Severe Disabilities
- Physics
- Reading-Language & Literacy Ed
- Science Education
- Social Studies Education
- Spanish
- Special Ed/Early Childhood
- Special Education
- Teaching & Learning

Eligibility
At Georgia State University, you must:
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Complete a FAFSA, although you do not have to demonstrate financial need to be eligible
- Be enrolled as an undergraduate-Junior or Senior or Graduate student and accepted in one of the high-need subject areas listed above
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 from your bachelor or graduate degree program
- Juniors or seniors are eligible only if they are pursuing their first undergraduate degree. Students pursuing a second undergraduate degree are NOT eligible for the TEACH Grant
- Students must be enrolled in a degree seeking program.
- Complete the Georgia State University Teach Grant Application each year
- Sign an Agreement to Serve and complete counseling each year that you receive a grant
- Complete Entrance Counseling

Students are awarded based on the number of hours enrolled and federal funding at the time eligibility is determined.