

Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH)

A Federal TEACH Grant can help you pay for college if you plan to become a teacher in a high-need field in a low-income area.

"Up to \$3,728 per year" for those originated and disbursed after 10-01-15, (award amounts are subject to change based on federal funding due to sequestration) non-need Federal grant awarded to U.S. citizens majoring in education who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families. Students must be formally accepted into the University of Montana Western Education Program. In exchange for receiving a TEACH Grant, students must teach for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study. Failure to complete the four year teaching requirement will result in TEACH Grant funds being converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. Students must have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher to be eligible.

View TEACH Grant Fact Sheet or the Department of Education TEACH Grant Fact Sheet for additional information, including high-demand fields and low-income schools. For additional information please visit Student Aid on the Web.

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/teach-grant.pdf>

View Teacher Shortage Areas here.

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>

Students who meet the eligibility requirements will receive a letter from the Financial Aid Office. Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to be evaluated for TEACH Grant eligibility.

In order to be eligible for TEACH Grants, students must be formally accepted into the Education Program at Montana Western for their junior and/or senior academic year (see the Montana Western Education Department regarding specifics program guidelines).

The following steps need to be completed before receiving a TEACH Grant:

- [TEACH Grant Initial Counseling](https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action) (First-year recipients) <https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>
- **Agreement to Serve** (First-year recipients) <https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>
- **TEACH Grant Subsequent Counseling** (Second-year recipients) <https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>
- **TEACH Grant Exit Counseling** <https://www.nslsds.ed.gov/>

Once the initial or subsequent counseling and Agreement to Serve have been completed an official award offer will be sent. This award will need to be accepted on-line to receive disbursement of the grant.

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