2017-18 Federal TEACH Grant Application

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Important:

Clemson participates in the Federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program effective for the 2017-18 academic year. Eligibility is determined based on each semester of enrollment, with a review of recipients occurring each term to verify GPA and program eligibility requirements.

- Annually, you are required to meet in person with an Academic Advisor in the School of Education to review the required CU TEACH Grant Affidavit and obtain an authorized signature.
- Annually, you are required to meet in person with a Financial Counselor regarding the CU TEACH Grant. The Office of Student Financial Aid will contact you to schedule an appointment following your submission of a completed CU TEACH Application and an authorized CU TEACH Affidavit.
- You must submit the completed CU TEACH Application and authorized CU TEACH Affidavit (together) to the Office of Student Financial Aid, G-01 Sikes Hall, at least 30 days prior to your last date of enrollment during the 2017-18 academic year for consideration.
- Annually, you must complete TEACH Grant Counseling (see http://teach-ats.ed.gov).
- Annually, you must sign a TEACH Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay (see http://teach-ats.ed.gov).

Overview:

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides grants of up to $4,000 per year to students who intend to teach and agree to meet certain conditions. In exchange for receiving the TEACH Grant, you must agree to a service obligation that requires you to serve as a full-time, highly-qualified teacher, in a high-need field, in a public school or nonprofit Educational Service Agency (ESA) for elementary or secondary schools, that serves 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. You are responsible for submitting the required documentation for service confirmation to the Department of Education.

* If you fail to complete this service obligation, all amounts of TEACH Grants that you received will be converted to a William D. Ford Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan and you must repay this loan to the US Department of Education. You will be charged interest from the date the grant(s) originally disbursed. **Once a TEACH Grant converts to a loan, it is not reversible.** For more information on the grant and the requirements for the program, visit https://studentloans.gov where you can also access links to TEACH Grant Counseling and the TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve. You may also visit https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach.

The annual amount of the grant is $4,000, with an undergraduate aggregate limit of $16,000 and graduate limit of $8,000. The federal government is currently under a sequester that reduces the $4,000 grant to $3,724.
First Name and M.I.: | Last Name:
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Student ID Number: | Email Address:
Daytime Telephone: | Current Official CU Major:

**Academic Level (check one):**
- Undergraduate
- Graduate (Master’s Degree)

**Indicate semesters of enrollment you wish to receive the Federal TEACH Grant:**
- Fall 2017
- Spring 2018
- Summer 2018

**A. Eligibility Requirements:**
- Submit a current year Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine Title IV eligibility;
- Be a US Citizen or Eligible Non-Citizen;
- Be enrolled as a degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate student in a TEACH-eligible Clemson major with a GPA of 3.25 or above;
- As an undergraduate, be enrolled in the professional level of the education curriculum which requires at least 60 earned applicable credit hours and having passed or exempted the Praxis Core;
- Complete TEACH Grant Counseling
- Sign a new TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve *annually.*

**B. Service Obligation:**
- Applicants must meet all eligibility criteria and commit to a required service obligation as follows:
  1. Teach full-time as a highly-qualified teacher;
  2. Teach for the majority of time (51% or more) in one high-need subject area;
  3. Teach at public schools that serve students from low-income families;
  4. Teach for at least four academic years within eight calendar years of completing the program of study for which the TEACH Grant is received.

**C. Conversion to Unsubsidized Stafford Loan:**

When a TEACH Grant is converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan, the fixed interest rate will be the rate in effect for Direct Unsubsidized Loans on the date the TEACH Grant was first disbursed. For example, 4.45% for undergraduates and 6.00% for graduates is the interest rate for 2017-18.

Capitalization of interest applies from the date the TEACH Grant was first disbursed. Capitalization is the addition of unpaid interest to the principal balance of a loan. Capitalization increases the principal balance of the loan and the interest calculates based on the increased principal balance. This may increase the monthly payment amount and the total amount repaid over the life of the loan.
Example of Conversion to loan:
You received $16,000 in TEACH Grant funds between September 2013 and June 2017. If your TEACH Grant funds are converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan in December 2021 because you did not fulfill your teaching obligation, then approximately $9,347 in interest would have accrued before the Direct Unsubsidized Loan enters repayment (following the six-month grace period) in June 2022. This example is based on an interest rate of 8.25% (the maximum interest rate for Direct Unsubsidized Loans made to undergraduate students). (Note: All amounts are estimates; your actual monthly and total repayment amounts may differ from the amounts shown in the chart.)

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<th>TEACH Grant Amount</th>
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<td>Accrued interest from September 1, 2013 to June 1, 2022 (at 8.25%, the maximum interest rate for Direct Unsubsidized Loans made to undergraduate students)</td>
<td>$9,347 (capitalized)</td>
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<td>Principal to be Repaid</td>
<td>$25,347</td>
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<td>Monthly Payment (Standard Repayment Plan)</td>
<td>$311</td>
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<td>Number of Payments</td>
<td>120</td>
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<td>Total Amount Repaid</td>
<td>$37,320</td>
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D. Reasons for Conversion:
Your TEACH Grant will convert to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan if you do not satisfy your service obligation. Some of the reasons are listed below, and are covered in the TEACH Grant Counseling.

- You decide that you do not wish to become a teacher.
- You become a teacher, but not in a high-need subject.
- You become a teacher, but not in a low-income school.
- You become a teacher in a high-need subject in a low-income school, but start this position too late to finish four years of service within eight years of graduation.
- You forget to confirm to your TEACH Grant servicer at least once each year that you intend to satisfy your service obligation.
- You cease enrollment in your program but forget to contact your TEACH Grant servicer within 120 days.

E. Certification Requirements:
I certify that I meet or I will meet the student eligibility requirements as follows:

- I have completed (or will complete) the 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- I am a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen;
- I am pursuing my first bachelor’s degree or first master’s degree;
- I am admitted to one of Clemson University’s TEACH Grant eligible programs listed the following tables:

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Graduates (Masters of Arts in Teaching)

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- I meet the following academic requirements:
  1. I am entering or continuing the professional level of my teaching curriculum, which requires me to have earned 60 applicable credit hours and;
  2. I have passed or exempted the Praxis Core.
  3. I have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25; I understand this is the minimum GPA required at the beginning of each term of disbursement to remain eligible for the TEACH Grant;
- I have completed the TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling
- I have completed a Teach Grant Agreement to Serve. *(Required each academic year)*

F. Student Certification

I understand that the TEACH Grant program has specific service obligations that must be met in order for the award to remain as a grant. If I fail to meet all of the conditions of the award or, if the conditions are not documented as required, I understand that the award will permanently convert to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan and that I will be responsible to repay this loan with capitalized interest calculated from the disbursement date of the grant. I understand that once a TEACH Grant is converted to a loan; it cannot be converted back to a grant. I have read and understand the criteria for receiving the TEACH Grant and self-certify my intentions to serve as a full-time teacher in a high-need field in a public elementary or secondary school that serves low-income students.

By signing and submitting this application, I am certifying I meet the requirements listed in Section E. and I wish to apply for the Federal TEACH Grant.

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<th>Student Signature</th>
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*Return this original document with ink signatures to the Office of Student Financial Aid with the approved CU TEACH Grant Affidavit. No photocopies, scanned or faxed documents are accepted.*

Submitting this application certifies that all of the information reported on it is complete and correct. Incomplete paperwork will delay processing of your financial aid. **WARNING:** If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may be fined, sentenced to jail or both.

Office of Student Financial Aid
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