

TEACH Grant Request Form

Name: _____ SOU ID# _____
(Please Print)

Mailing Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Phone: _____ Academic Year: _____

Indicate below which term you are requesting the TEACH Grant (Check all that apply):

Fall Term Winter Term Spring Term Summer Term

Before submitting this application, you are confirming you have reviewed the TEACH Grant eligibility criteria. You may refer to the fact sheet on the web site at <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach>

Please initial confirming the following:

I have filed the FAFSA for the year I am requesting the TEACH Grant

I am a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen

I scored at the 75th percentile on a college admission test/or maintain a cumulative 3.25 GPA

I am admitted to an eligible program

I plan to teach in an identified teacher shortage, high-need field: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/pol/tsa.html>

I plan to teach in a school serving low-income students. Elementary and secondary schools (public and private) and educational service agencies serving low-income students are listed in the annual Teacher Cancellation Low-Income (TCLI) Directory: <https://studentaid.gov/tcli/>. In addition, all elementary or secondary schools operated by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) or operated on Indian reservations by Indian tribal groups under contract or grant with the BIE qualify as low-income schools, even if they're not listed in the TCLI Directory: <https://www.bie.edu/schools/directory>.

Please stated your Identified field: _____ Is this a federal or state field: _____

If it is a state field, in which state do you plan to teach: _____

Enrollment: Fall credit hours; Winter credit hours; Spring credit hours; Summer credit hours

Are you an undergraduate or a graduate student? _____

I understand the service obligation associated with the Federal TEACH Grant. I completed the required TEACH Grant counseling on _____ (date) and signed my TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve or Repay on _____ (date) at <https://studentaid.gov/teach-grant-program>.

I understand that if I fail to fulfill the service obligation, the Federal TEACH Grant will be converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan with interest accrued retroactively from the date the grant was originally disbursed.

I understand that receipt of the Federal TEACH Grant will reduce my eligibility for loans and may result in the reduction of current or future loan disbursements.

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

(Electronic signatures not acceptable)

Failure to Complete Service Obligation

Recipients who fail to complete the service obligation for this program will have their TEACH Grant(s) converted to Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans. If the grant is converted to a loan, retroactive interest will be applied at a rate of 6.8 percent accrued from the date each grant was originally disbursed. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that approximately 80 percent of students who receive a TEACH Grant will fail to complete the service requirement.

The SOU Financial Aid Office believes it is important for students to thoroughly understand the service requirements for this program and thoughtfully determine whether it is appropriate to participate. Failure to complete the service requirements will greatly increase a student's college loan debt.

Eligibility

Only students pursuing a first bachelor's degree or a master's degree are eligible for a TEACH Grant at Southern Oregon University. Students pursuing only a teacher licensure or a second bachelor's degree are not eligible.

Students must be actively pursuing course work within a major that will enable them to teach in a federal or state-recognized high-need field, at a low-income school, as a highly qualified teacher.

High Need Fields

Nationally recognized high-need fields are: mathematics, science, foreign language, bilingual education, English language acquisition, special education, and reading specialist.

Individual states may recognize additional fields. These state-recognized fields are only valid for the TEACH Grant if recognized in the state in which you intend to teach. All fields designated by a state are subject to change each year. Individual fields may no longer be considered high need by the time you begin your teaching service and would not then qualify as eligible service for the TEACH Grant.

For any student who submits this application, our office will review eligibility for the grant using information in a student's current academic record. However, there may be circumstances where the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships will need to request additional information from the student in order to document eligibility.

Academic Requirements

Students must either earn a GPA of 3.25 or better based on their class status (as described below) or have scored in the 75th percentile or better on at least one battery of a nationally normed admission test (such as SAT or GRE).

For students who do not meet the 75th percentile qualifier, their cumulative GPA must remain at or above 3.25 to continue to receive the grant for future terms. GPA is reviewed at the conclusion of every term to determine eligibility for the next term.

TEACH Grant Exit Counseling

Students who complete or discontinue their TEACH Grant eligible program at SOU are required to complete TEACH Grant exit counseling.

How to Document Your Qualifying Teaching Service

After you have completed each one of your four years of required teaching, you must provide your TEACH Grant servicer with documentation of that teaching service. A form for documenting your qualifying teaching service will be available from your TEACH Grant servicer, MOHELA, and in the Forms Library.

This form must be certified by the chief administrative officer (authorized official) of the school or educational service agency (ESA) where you taught and must confirm for each school year:

- You were a highly-qualified teacher,
- You taught in a low-income school or ESA,
- More than half of the classes that you taught during school year being certified were in a high-need field.
- TEACH Grant Service Obligation Suspensions

You may request a temporary suspension of the period for completing your service obligation if you are unable to teach for one of the following reasons:

You are enrolled in a TEACH Grant eligible program of study, or a program of study that has been determined by a state to satisfy the requirements for certification or licensure to teach in the state's elementary or secondary schools.

You are receiving state-required instruction or otherwise fulfilling requirements for licensure to teach in a state's elementary or secondary schools.

You have a condition that is a qualifying reason for leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act.

You are called or ordered to federal or state active duty, or active service as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces named in 10 U.S.C. 10101, or service as a member of the National Guard on full-time National Guard duty, as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(d)(5).

Your spouse has received military orders for a deployment with a military unit or as an individual in support of a military operation for a period of not less than 180 days, or has received military orders for a change of permanent duty station from a location in the continental United States to a location outside the continental United States, or from a location in a state to any location outside of that state.

You reside in or are employed in a federally-declared major disaster area.

TEACH Grant service obligation suspension forms are available from the TEACH Grant servicer, MOHELA, as well as in the Forms Library.

On a case-by-case basis, we may also temporarily suspend the eight-year period for completing your service obligation if we determine that you were unable to complete a full school year of teaching or were unable to begin the next school year of teaching due to exceptional circumstances significantly affecting the operation of the low-income school where you were employed or your ability to teach.

The conditions above are the only conditions under which you may receive a suspension of the eight-year period for completing your service obligation. If you qualify for a suspension of the eight-year period for completing your service obligation, you may receive a suspension for periods of one year at a time.