TEACH Grant

Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program
The U.S. Department of Education’s (DOE) TEACH Grant program provides grant funds to postsecondary students:

• completing or plan to complete coursework that is needed to begin a career in teaching

• agree to serve for at least four years as a full-time, highly qualified teacher in a high-need field, at an elementary school, secondary school, or educational service agency serving low-income families

• completing the required four years of teaching within eight years of completing the course of study for which a TEACH Grant was received

    – Failure to meet the requirements of your service obligation, all TEACH Grant funds you received will be converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan. You must repay this loan in full, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.
Eligibility Requirements

- Must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or Eligible Non-Citizen
- Must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for Financial Aid
- Must maintain a cumulative 3.25 GPA (checked at the end of each semester)
- Must not have a prior undergraduate or master’s degree
- Must submit KSU TEACH Grant Agreement
- Must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve
- Must complete TEACH Grant Counseling
Eligibility Requirements – Bagwell College of Education

- Must be admitted as a degree-seeking student in KSU Bagwell College of Education
- Must be classified as a junior/senior (minimum 60 earned semester hours) or enrolled in an approved master’s degree program at KSU Bagwell College of Education
- Must be seeking a degree, at KSU, in one of the following majors determined to be TEACH eligible by the institution:
  - Foreign Language Education
  - Mathematics (Middle Grades or Secondary)
  - Science (Middle Grades or Secondary-Biology, Chemistry or Physics)
  - Special Education (Individual General Curriculum)
  - Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
  - Reading Specialist
  - Early Childhood Education
TEACH Grant Award Eligibility

A full-time TEACH Grant recipient may receive an annual award of $4,000, for a maximum of $16,000, for the student’s first baccalaureate and first post-baccalaureate programs combined. Programs after the first baccalaureate are not eligible. A graduate student may receive $4000, for a maximum of $8,000, for a master’s degree program.

- Full-time enrollment (12+ credit hours): $4,000
- Three-quarter-time enrollment (9-11 credit hours): $3,000
- Half-time enrollment (6-8 credit hours): $2,000
- Less-than-half-time enrollment (5 credit hours or less): $1,000

*Award amounts are decreased based on enrollment hours. The annual amount is subject to change based on federal sequestration.*
High-Need Fields

The U.S. Department of Education provides an annual Teacher Shortage Area Nationwide Listing for eligible high-need fields. The eligible high-need fields for 2017 - 2018 academic year are:

- Foreign Language
- Mathematics
- Reading Specialist
- Science
- Special Education
- Early Childhood Education
Tracking of TEACH Grant Service

Within 120 days of completing or otherwise ceasing enrollment in your program of study, you must certify to the U.S. Department of Education:

• your employed full-time as a teacher in accordance with the terms and conditions of the service agreement,

• or you are not yet employed as a full-time teacher but you intend to meet the terms and conditions of the service agreement

At the end of each year, if you are performing full-time teaching service in accordance with the service agreement, you must provide the DOE with the following:

• documentation of your teaching service on a DOE-approved form that is certified by the chief administrative officer of the school in which you are teaching

• the form must document that you are a highly qualified teacher, teaching in any of the designated high-need fields, in a designated low-income school
TEACH Grant Resources

- KSU Student Financial Aid Office
  - kfa_teach@Kennesaw.edu
  - KSU TEACH Grant Agreement Form
  - (770)-423-6074

- KSU Bagwell College of Education
  - Ms. Kellie Oxford, Certification Officer

- Department of Education
  - https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action
    - TEACH Grant Counseling
    - TEACH Agreement to Serve (ATS)
    - TEACH Grant Servicer
    - TEACH Grant Certification Form
    - TEACH Grant Temporary Suspension
    - TEACH Grant Conversion to a Loan