



# 2023-2024 TEACH Grant Application

Oakwood University

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ OU ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

The Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant is awarded by Oakwood University to students who are completing, or intend to complete, coursework to begin a career in teaching and who agree to serve for a minimum of four years as a full-time, highly-qualified, high-need field teacher in a low income school.

If students awarded the TEACH Grant do not complete the four years of qualified teaching service within eight years of completing the course of study for which the TEACH Grant was received, or otherwise fail to meet any other requirement of the TEACH Grant, the Grant will convert into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of the original disbursement.

To apply for the award as Oakwood University, students must:

- **Complete a 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>**
- **Meet certain academic achievement requirements (generally, scoring above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile on a college admissions test or maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25).**
- **Enroll in coursework necessary to complete a teacher certification in a high-need field.**
- **Complete TEACH Grant Entrance Counseling at <https://studentaid.gov/teach-agreement/>**
- **Complete an Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay from the Department of Education.**
- **Serve as a full-time teacher in a low-income school, as a highly qualified teacher, and in a high-need field as listed in the Nationwide List for the State in which you will be teaching for the majority of classes taught for at least four years within eight calendar years of leaving the program for which you received the TEACH Grant.**
- **Write to the Secretary of Education (within 120 days of completing or otherwise leaving the program of study for which the TEACH Grant was received) confirming that you are employed as a full-time teacher in accordance with the terms of the TEACH Grant, or you are not yet employed as a full-time teacher but intend to meet the terms of the TEACH Grant Service agreement.**
- **Submit upon completion of each year of teaching service, documentation of the service in the form of a certification by a chief administrative officer of the school.**
- **Comply with all other terms, conditions, and requirements that the Secretary of Education determines to be necessary.**

If you fail to meet any of these terms the teach grant funds you received will convert into a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford loan, with interest accrued and capitalized from the date of original disbursement. Once this grant is converted to a loan, it cannot be converted back to a grant.

The annual TEACH Grant award is \$4,000 for full-time students - \$2,000 per semester (reduced to \$3,000 for three-quarter time students - [\$1,500 per semester], \$2,000 for half-time students - [\$1,000 per semester], and \$1,000 for less-than-half-time students - \$500 per semester). Students may receive up to \$16,000 for undergraduate study). The TEACH Grant in combination with other student financial assistance may not exceed the cost of attendance at the University.



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TYPE OR PRINT ONLY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ OU ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently completing or planning to complete coursework and other requirements necessary to begin a career in teaching?  Yes  No

Classification:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Major / Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Check the box(es) for the semester(s) you are requesting a TEACH Grant (check all that apply)

Fall Semester

Spring Semester

**Please check each of the following items before signing and submitting this form:**

- I have read and understand the enclosed information regarding the TEACH Grant.
- I am a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- I have completed (or will complete) the 2023-2024 FAFSA.
- Based on the information above, I believe that I may be eligible to receive the TEACH Grant based on one or both of the following (please check):
  - My current GPA is at least 3.25 or  
**[Please submit a copy of your most recent unofficial academic transcript]**
  - I have tested above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile on a nationally recognized admissions test (ACT, SAT, or GRE). **[Please attach a copy of the test certification verifying your score was above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile.]**



- I understand that this grant is intended only for students who plan to become teachers in a high-need subject field and who plan to teach in low-income schools as determined by the federal government or state which is subject to change. (Learn more about TEACH Grants at <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach> See areas specified in the annual listing at <https://tsa.ed.gov/#/home/>)
- I understand that I will have to complete an Entrance Counseling for the TEACH grant each year that I am eligible. (<https://studentaid.gov/teach-initial-and-subsequent-counseling/>)
- I understand that I will have to sign an Agreement to Serve for the TEACH grant each year that I am eligible. (<https://studentaid.gov/teach-agreement/>)
- I understand that if I am unable to meet the conditions outlined in the Agreement to Serve, the TEACH Grant will convert to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan, and the interest will be backdated to the time of the grant disbursement.
- I understand that to keep the grant from becoming a loan, I must teach for four of the eight years following the completion of my program in a high-need subject area and in a low-income school regardless of the number of years I received the grant.
- I understand that if I have already been awarded up to my cost of attendance, receiving the TEACH Grant will result in the reduction of my federal subsidized, unsubsidized loan, and/or Plus loan award.

**Conditions of the TEACH Grant:**

By signing this form, I am certifying that I have read this form and all enclosures thoroughly. I understand that by signing and submitting this form, I am requesting the OU Office of Financial Aid to determine my eligibility for the TEACH grant, and If I am eligible, revise my award package to include this grant. **IMPORTANT: If I fail to fulfill my commitments, under the TEACH Grant requirements, I understand that the grant will be permanently converted to a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan that will include interest from the date the grant(s) were disbursed.**

**Student's Signature:**

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**Date:**

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Academic Advisor Counseling

The student (Name), \_\_\_\_\_, OU ID# \_\_\_\_\_ is applying for the Federal TEACH Grant.

**Please complete the information below in order to determine student eligibility.**

Is this student currently completing or planning to complete coursework and other requirements necessary to begin a career in teaching?  Yes  No

**Please Check All That Apply:**

- This student has discussed plans with me to take coursework necessary to work toward teacher certification and /or specialization.
- This student and I have discussed the coursework necessary for teacher certification and/or specialization.
- This student plans to seek teacher certification in one of the following high-need fields (check the appropriate field of study):

- English Language**
- Mathematics**
- Science**
- Special Education**

- Bilingual Education**
- Foreign Language**
- Reading Specialist**

**Academic Advisor Signature:**

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**Print Advisor Name:**

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**Date:**

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**Advisor Phone:**

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