2015-2016 Application for Federal TEACH Grant - GRADUATE

BEFORE YOU APPLY PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

TEACH Grant Program
The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007 created the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program that provides up to $3708 (which is $4000 grant minus a 7.3% sequester amount of $292 if disbursed before October 1, 2015) or $3728 (which is $4000 grant minus a 6.8% sequester amount of $272 if disbursed on or after October 1, 2015) per year in grants to students who intend to teach full-time in high-need subject areas for at least four years at schools that serve students from low-income families.

Teaching Obligation
In exchange for receiving the TEACH Grant, you must agree to serve as a highly-qualified, full-time teacher (www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg107.html) in a high-need subject area for at least four years at a school serving low-income students https://www.tcli.ed.gov/CBSWebApp/tcli/TCLIpubSchoolSearch.jsp. You must complete the four years of teaching within eight years of finishing the program for which you received the grant. You incur a four-year teaching obligation for each educational program for which you received TEACH Grant funds, although you may work off multiple four-year obligations simultaneously under certain circumstances. If you fail to complete the four-year teaching obligation you will have to repay the grant with interest!!!

Application Procedures
Please keep the application and all pages (1-4) together as one document. Send original pages of your application and forms to the College of Education Student Success Center, PO Box 8029, Statesboro, GA 30460 or deliver the forms to room 1107 in the College of Education Building. Submission through FAX will not be accepted.

Incomplete applications and forms cannot be processed and will be returned to the address listed on the application.

A student must file the application on or before the last day of the academic term or the student’s withdrawal date, whichever occurs first, in order to receive funds for that academic term. The last day of the academic term is the last day of exams.
Eligibility Requirements for Graduate Students

At Georgia Southern University, you must:

- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Be a US citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Be enrolled in a program of study designated as TEACH Grant-eligible. Eligible programs are:
  
  **MAT (graduate)**
  - Spanish Education
  - Special Education
  - Middle Grades w/concentration(s) in math and/or science
  - Secondary Education: math, biology, chemistry, physics, and broad-field science

  **MEd (graduate)**
  - Special Education
  - Middle Grades w/concentration(s) in math and/or science
  - Reading Education
  - Secondary Education: math, biology, chemistry, physics, and broad-field science

  *All other programs are not eligible.*

- Be enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching such as the courses required for the programs listed above.
- **Score above the 75th percentile on one of the following college admissions test(s) GRE OR Miller Analogies OR have at least a 3.25 cumulative GPA (first year grad uses undergraduate GPA) and maintain a cumulative 3.25 GPA each semester you receive the TEACH Grant**

Important Reminder

Failure to complete the teaching obligation, respond to requests for information, or properly document your teaching service will cause the TEACH Grant to be permanently converted to a loan with interest.

**Once a grant is converted to a loan it cannot be converted back to a grant!**

For more information about receiving the TEACH Grant, contact the Georgia Southern University Financial Aid Office at 912.478.5413
Part I: To be Completed by the Applicant

Instructions to the Applicant:
1. Complete items below in blue or black INK
2. Complete all requirements for eligibility
3. Read and sign the student certification
4. Deliver the application to the College of Education Student Success Center once completed

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Permanent Home Mailing Address (please provide street address, city, state and zip)

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Choose the semesters you are requesting the grant/loan and indicate, to the best of your knowledge, the number of hours you plan to enroll in each term

- □ Summer 2015 (# of Hours ______) may be awarded if funds are available
- □ Fall 2015 (# of Hours ______)
- □ Spring 2016 (# of Hours ______)

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

I certify that I meet the student eligibility requirements as follows:
- I have completed the 2014-2015 FAFSA.
- I am a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- I am enrolled in coursework that is necessary to begin a career in teaching.
- I meet the following academic requirements: scored above the 75th percentile on GRE or MAT, or graduated from college with a cumulative 3.25 AND have maintained a cumulative 3.25 throughout my academic program for which the TEACH Grant is received.
- I WILL complete the TEACH Grant counseling Agreement to Serve and Promise to Pay AND I WILL complete the TEACH Grant Initial or Subsequent Counseling at https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action
- I will complete 4 years as a full-time teacher, within 8 years of completing my program, in a school serving low income students.
- I will provide documentation to the U.S. Department of Education that I completed the teaching obligation and this will be certified by the school’s chief administrative officer after completing 4 academic years of teaching service.

If you are not able to meet all of the student eligibility requirements, you are not eligible for this grant program.
I am enrolled in the following program:

**MAT (graduate)**
- ☐ Spanish Education
- ☐ Special Education
- ☐ Middle Grades w/concentration(s) in math and/or science
- ☐ Secondary Education: math, biology, chemistry, physics, and broad-field science

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- ☐ Middle Grades w/concentration(s) in math and/or science
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**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 an unsubsidized Direct Federal Stafford Loan and that I will be responsible to repay this loan with 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. If I am qualified based on the 3.25 cumulative GPA requirement, I must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher for each subsequent disbursement. I will notify the Georgia Southern University Financial Aid Office immediately if I do not want to receive the TEACH Grant award. I may cancel or reduce my award at any point up to 14 days after funds have been disbursed. If I cancel after disbursement, I may owe the University for the amount cancelled or reduced.

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Student Signature                                      Date

To Be Completed by the College of Education:

College GPA _________          Full Admission to Graduate School ☐ Yes ☐ No  OR
Enrolled in coursework necessary to begin teaching career/taking content coursework ☐ Yes ☐ No

I hereby certify that the applicant has met the student eligibility requirements and is currently enrolled in the Teacher Education Program at this institution.

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Program                                      Date Admitted to Post Bacc or Grad School

Teacher Certification Official: I certify that the above is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

___ Christina J. Thompson ________________________
Name of Teacher Certification Official          Signature of Teacher Certification Official

___ Certification Officer _________________________
